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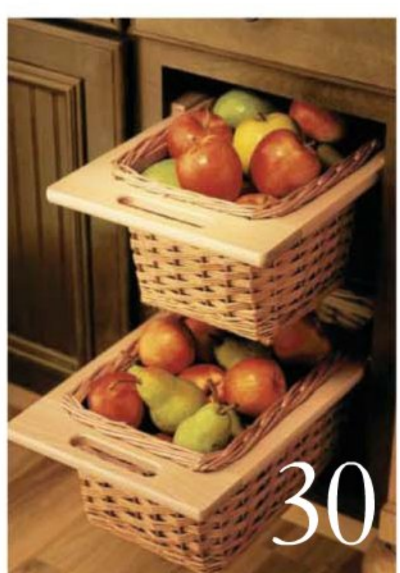
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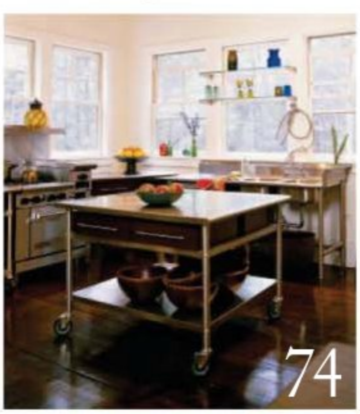
EDITOR'S NOTE



Neatness, Counted

Not long ago, I was talking with a colleague about the results of a consumer survey that had been completed recently by a major cabinet manufacturer. One of the findings in the study struck me: It suggested that there might be a generation gap in how homeowners make a distinction between "storage" and "organization" in the kitchen. It seems first-time homeowners desire the former quality in their kitchens; for them, a generalized, flexible design of drawers, shelves and cupboards will satisfy their needs.

The group that valued an "organized" kitchen tended to be slightly older and focused on specific tasks, which translates into specialized features like utensil drawer–inserts, wine racks and recycling bins.


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All of this rings true to me personally. Over time, I've been able to hone in on what equipment I actually need in my kitchen, and am better at screening out the nonessentials (no matter how much I think I love that grass-green retro-style food scale or that set of ultra-sleek steel canisters, I have learned to resist).

In this issue of *Kitchens & Baths*, you'll find a full range of solutions and suggestions for managing the contents of your kitchen—whatever your consumer profile may be.

Leslie Plummer Clagett
Editor

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Dear Reader,

This issue of *Kitchens & Baths* showcases the very best storage options and solutions for these two all-important rooms in the home. One of my favorite designs is the clever built-into-a-drawer knife block in the kitchen of the Whisenant family (page 96). It's a simple idea, but it makes all the difference in neatly storing the family's knives. When I was remodeling my kitchen several years ago, I remember asking the designer/contractor to add a pull-out pantry to the new design. He was against it, saying there wasn't enough room to accommodate one. I insisted, however, and have never regretted the decision. It compactly holds my canned goods, pastas and staples and takes up no room at all. If I'd listened to my contractor, I'd have just another cabinet instead of a great storage solution. What's your favorite storage idea in your kitchen or bath? I'd love to see photographs. E-mail me or write to me at Woman's Day Special Interest Publications, 1633 Broadway, 42nd floor, New York, NY 10019. (All photos must be at least 300 dpi.) I can't wait to hear from you!

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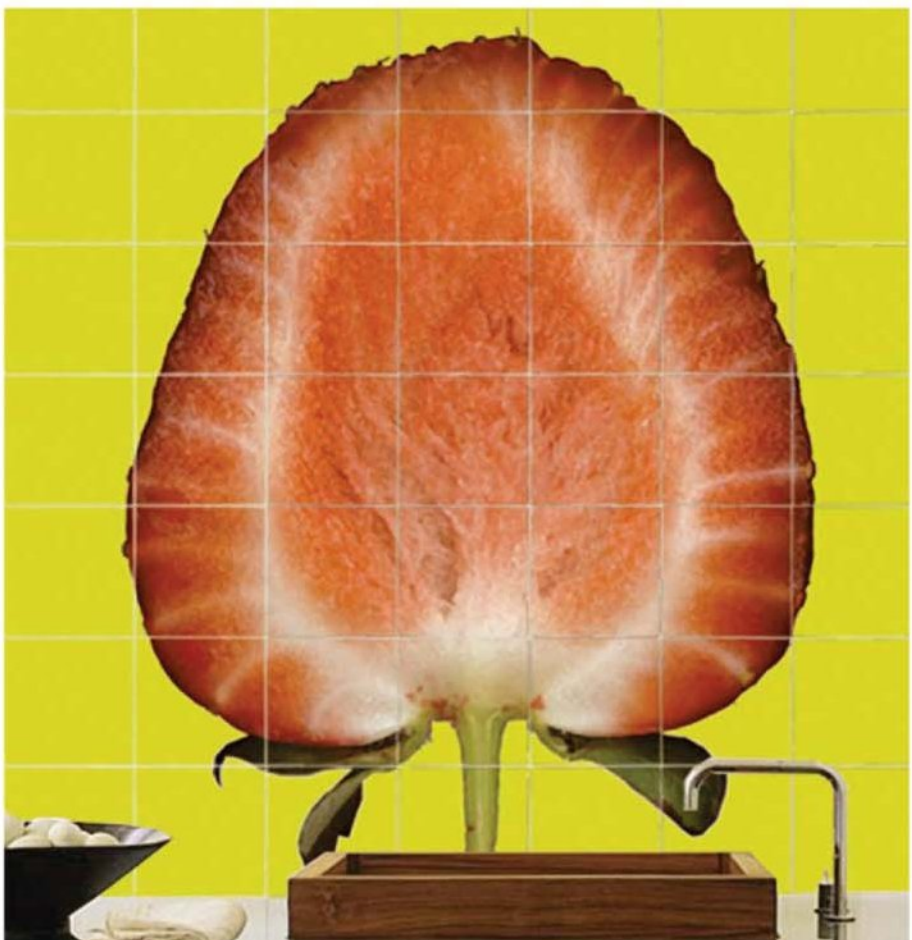
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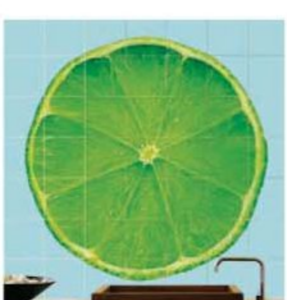
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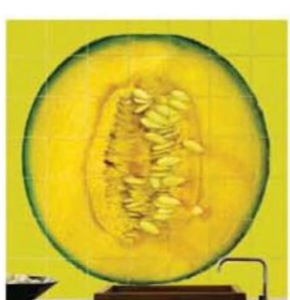
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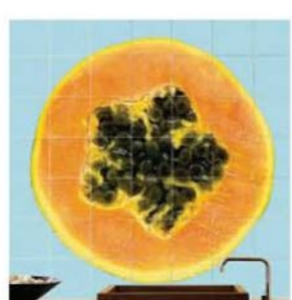


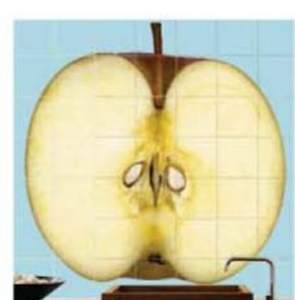
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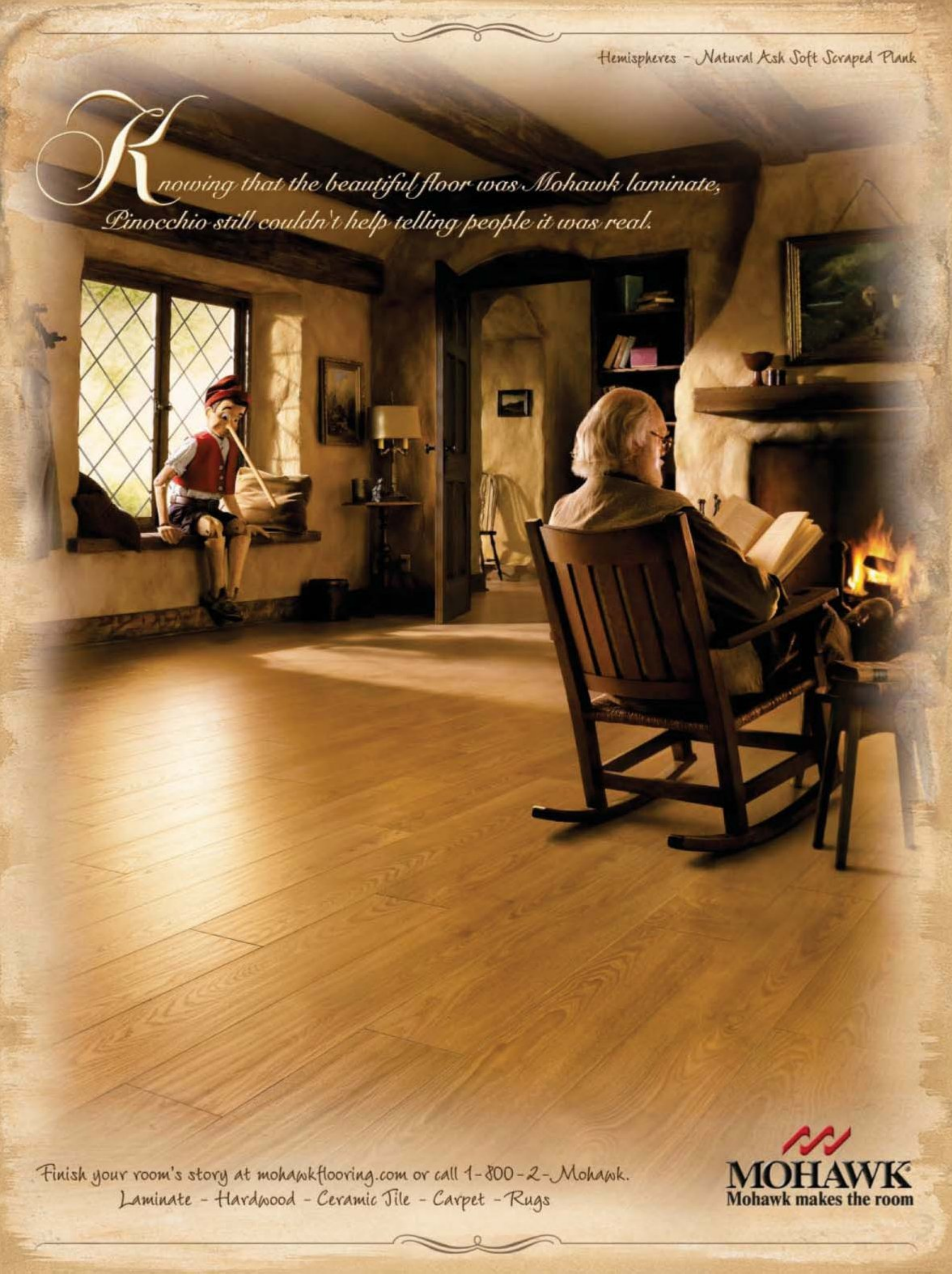


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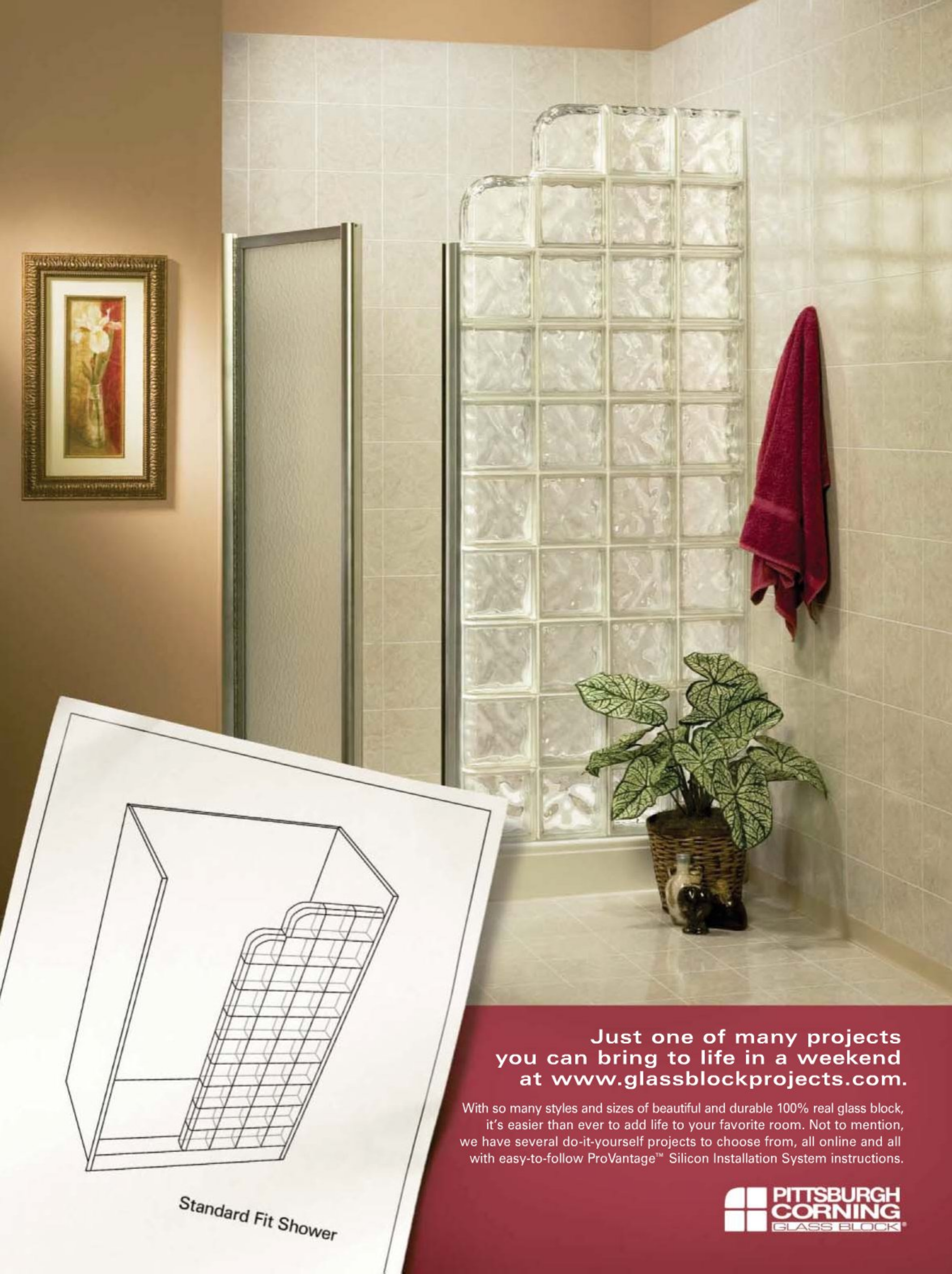
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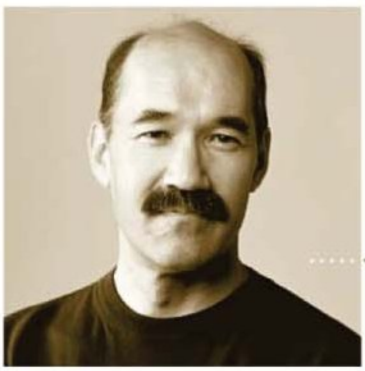
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With its rich heritage and small neighborhoods, Philadelphia is great for design inspiration, Stultz says. But truly, it's his own small town of Marietta, Pennsylvania (where the population is less than 2,000), that really gets his creative juices flowing. "Living and spending most of my time here forces me to look for inspiration in small, unlikely places—those things I would ordinarily overlook, like the fantastic texture of a brick wall," he says.

MARTHA KERR

Kitchen designer with Neil Kelly Company, Portland, Oregon

"The architectural diversity of Chicago is just amazing," Kerr says. No matter if you're looking for something bold or subdued, the Windy City always has something new to show you, so it constantly feels fresh. "Anyplace you go in Chicago, you get a 360-degree view of different styles of design, from Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van der Rohe to I.M. Pei," Kerr says.





JOAN KOHN

Author of *Joan Kohn's It's Your Kitchen* (Bulfinch, 2003)

When it comes to design inspiration, Kohn just loves Italy. As for specific cities, she can't get enough of Florence. "I love that classic Italian architecture of Florence," she says. But, you don't have to travel across the Atlantic in order to find inspiration for design. "Context is key. Designers should really look to their own city. After all, a Hawaiian shirt looks great when you're in Hawaii, but after you come home, it just goes in the closet," she says.



CLODAGH

Designer, owner of Clodagh Design, New York City

Clodagh picks New York because it's not just a city but also a necklace of villages. "Walking from Chinatown to Little Italy and from Koreatown to Little India is like traveling without a passport," she says. "Because space is at a premium, New York has inspired a kind of boat-building approach to design," she says. Designers have to get creative and use every inch of available space. ◆

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CLIO

This tabletop store in New York's trendy SoHo neighborhood sells an eclectic mix of sculptural ceramics, mouth-blown glass and funky flatware from cutting-edge designers. Husband-and-wife team Daniel and Michelle Lehman buy globally and locally: Teak salad servers from Indonesia share shelf space with graphic teapots from Brooklyn. "There's nothing here that we wouldn't have in our own home," says Daniel. They even carry the Italian pewter place settings the couple registered for when they got married. 92 Thompson Street, New York; 212-966-8991; *www.clio-home.com*.



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Smart choices for a tidy bath

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Laura Leist, a professional organizer and the author of *Eliminate Chaos: The 10-Step Process to Organize Your Home and Life* (Sasquatch Books, 2006), shares her tips.

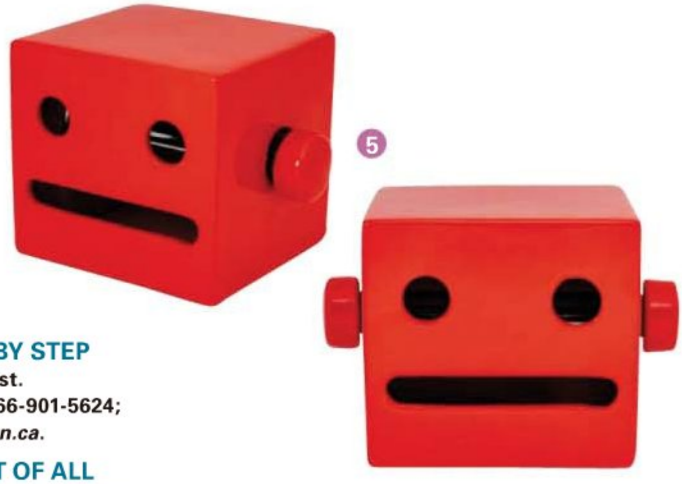
◆ **CAUGHT ON TAPE** "Measure drawer, wall and undersink space before shopping for organization tools," says Leist. "Don't make the mistake of shopping first and organizing second."

◆ **CHOOSE OR LOSE** Leist has observed that most people shuffle their possessions, rather than organize them. Real organization is about making a decision on where each item should be kept, if at all. She suggests reserving bathroom space, which tends to be more cramped than the rest of the house, for things you use on a daily basis. Stash less frequently used products elsewhere.

◆ **PLAN OF ATTACK** "Once each season, go through everything in your bathroom and purge what you don't use regularly," says Leist. "The sheer volume of stuff—a negative space-to-stuff ratio—is the major culprit in most messy bathrooms."

◆ **ARM'S LENGTH** If you're remodeling a bathroom or buying a home, tidy is within reach. Leist looks out for a towel rack that's easily accessible from the tub or shower. Shower stall doors should also open in the right direction, instead of blocking the towel rack right when you need it most.

◆ **STORE MORE** According to Leist, built-in linen closets and hampers are a boon to most bathrooms. And you'll get more storage out of a sink cabinet if it can be placed so that the pipes are to the side, rather than the middle, of the undersink space. ◆



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refrigerators

WRITTEN BY DON STUART

Time for a new refrigerator? Whether you're replacing an old model that's running down or upgrading to a new size or configuration, there's much to consider.

"Refrigerators are sometimes viewed as the primary kitchen status symbol," says home designer Gina Matury, of Lake Prairie Homes in Munster, Indiana. "But even if the brand name means a lot to you, you should still do a little bit of homework before you shop. Know your food-storage needs and usage habits, and you'll wind up with your ideal refrigerator."

MAKING ROOM

For starters, you need to know the height, width and depth of the space available for your new unit. Also, if you're changing door configurations, be sure to consider the clearance you'll need for opening doors, and whether cabinets, drawers, counters or handles may get in the way.

Next, determine how much food-storage capacity you need. Refrigeration and freezer capacity are measured in cubic feet. As a rule of thumb, two people generally require 10 to 12 cubic feet of refrigerator capacity, with a cubic foot added for each additional person. But lifestyle may change that equation, according to Jill Westcott, a freelance architectural interior designer in Buffalo, New York. "A two-person household that entertains a lot may need a much larger amount of storage space."

Choosing the right capacity for your needs is important not only for convenience, but for efficient operation. "If you have a large refrigerator that isn't being kept full, you're wasting energy," Westcott says. So you're also spending more to run it. She advises using your current refrigerator capacity as a starting point, and adjusting up or down based on how full you generally keep it.

CONFIGURE IT OUT

The traditional freezer-on-top (also called top-mount) model is still a very popular configuration available from virtually every manufacturer. These models offer convenient, eye-level access to frozen goods. However, getting to fruit, vegetable or meat bins in the refrigerator's lower reaches requires some bending.

Side-by-side units put refrigerator and freezer storage at more convenient heights, and their skinnier doors are typically easy to open in just about any kitchen layout. However, the trade-off is narrower storage in both sections. Large platters, pizza boxes and turkey platters can be difficult or impossible fits.

Bottom-mount refrigerators—with the freezer below the refrigerator—are growing in popularity. The freezer on the bottom allows for easier access to refrigerated items, but you'll bend or stoop to reach frozen foods. Freezer features like lift-out baskets and sliding shelves reduce



HOT PICK

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some of the effort, but keep in mind that the freezer drawer needs room to open fully.

A stylish variation on the bottom freezer unit is the French door design, which provides two separate refrigerator compartment doors opening from the middle of the unit, like an armoire.

Depending on how much food you usually keep on hand, you may want to check out "dedicated" products, also known as "all-refrigerator" and "all-freezer" models. If you have lots of space and substantial food storage needs, there are models offering from 16 to 22 cubic feet of storage each. Consider, however, that these units measure 36 inches wide, which means you'll need six feet of space for a pair.

A more compact take on the all-refrigerator/all-freezer duo is available from Thermador; its Freedom collection offers modular built-in refrigerators as narrow as 24 inches, and freezers as sleek as 18 inches. Also, many manufacturers are offering refrigerator drawer units that are designed to fit into cabinetry and work well as auxiliary storage. Having separate units offers the flexibility to keep fresh and frozen foods in different parts of the kitchen.



HOT PICK
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Many leading manufacturers offer both counter-depth and built-in refrigerators. Each is 24 inches deep, but counter-depth models have finished sides and tops, so they can stand at the end of a run of cabinets without needing an end panel. True built-in refrigerators are designed for integrated installations, so the appliance will be flush with the surrounding cabinetry. Sides and tops are unfinished, since they won't be visible when installed. Innovations in hinge design give unfettered access to the contents of built-ins without compromising the sleek appearance. Built-ins are easily customized, with doors that accept panels that match cabinetry, and optional trim kits are available to attach panels to most freestanding side-by-side refrigerator styles as well.

POWER ISSUES

Regardless of the size or style of your new refrigerator, it will play a big role in your home's energy use. The most recent models are more energy efficient than ever, thanks to improvements ranging from better insulation to redesigned high-efficiency compressors. The search for optimal energy efficiency starts with the yellow Energy Guide tag on every model, showing the annual operating costs of the appliance based on a national average of the cost of an electrical kilowatt-hour. An Energy Star label marks those that are most efficient. "The Energy Guide is a good comparison tool," says Matury. "But remember, it only tells how efficiently a product is capable of running, not how it will actually run."

Matury advises homeowners to look for models with separate temperature controls for the freezer and refrigerator, which will also help maximize efficiency and reduce operating costs. Westcott points out that higher-end refrigerators feature customized control throughout the unit. "On certain models, almost all the refrigerator's compartments and storage bins have separate climate controls," she says. "Humidity as well as temperature can be independently controlled." You can also find models with compartments that can toggle between freezer and cooler functions. Westcott adds that personal habits can greatly affect efficiency: "One reason a full refrigerator is more efficient is because the cold food helps maintain the temperature."

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HOT PICK

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INNER BEAUTY

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More storage features to look for include adjustable shelves, drawers and bins, and easy-access storage in the door. While still at the store, experiment with removing and rearranging the shelves; some models have a crank to raise and lower shelves so you don't have to take everything out first. And remember that easy adjustments are important not just for storage but also for cleaning.

Speaking of cleaning, consider too the shelf material: Wire shelves are still available in many models, but better units often feature shelves of glass. These cost more than plastic but are less prone to cracking or staining. Also, spills on wire shelves are the messiest, since liquid drips down onto the shelves below. Some models even offer shelves with a small lip to help contain messes.

One area of marked improvement in fridge design is illumination. Cooling compartments that were once barely lit by a single 15-watt bulb are now as bright and clear as can be, thanks to columns of halogen bulbs on the walls of the interior.

Once an expensive option, ice makers are now standard on many models and they are nearly always available as an option. They are frequently packaged as a kit for the do-it-yourselfer, and include all the necessary hardware. However, if you haven't owned a refrigerator with an ice maker before, consider your refrigerator's proximity to a water supply. Although it can be done, running the necessary water lines all the way around your kitchen is both inconvenient and costly.

A ready supply of ice and cold water is even more accessible via a through-the-door dispenser. Most models with dispensers provide built-in water filtration for better tasting and cleaner ice and water. The filters do have to be replaced from time to time. Again, be sure to plan in advance for providing a water supply.

Finally, learn about the noise level of the new refrigerator you're considering. Compressors can produce noticeable noise, which could be important if you have an open kitchen extending into living and family rooms. Some newer compressor designs feature "variable speed" operation, which not only runs quietly but also speeds refrigerator cooling.

good

$300 to $800

At these prices, you'll find top-mount models ranging from small-capacity units with basic features like wire shelves and nonadjustable door bins, up to 21-cubic-foot Energy-Star qualified models featuring stainless steel exteriors, glass shelves and see-through bins and crispers. Entry-level side-by-side units are also priced in this range, some with adjustable door shelves and ice-and-water dispensers. A few entry-level bottom-mount models are also below $800. In all categories you'll find basic color options.

better

$800 to $1,500

Upgrade to larger capacity top-mount styles with the flexibility of half-width adjustable glass shelving, temperature management systems, and exterior styling touches such as smoothly curved contoured doors. Side-by-side units boast features such as ice-and-water filtration systems and storage drawers with separate temperature and humidity controls. Bottom-mount choices are plentiful—including a few French door models—and offer capacities up to 25 cubic feet, pull-out freezer compartments and half-width shelves that contain spills. Throughout all configurations, stainless steel is widely available, along with other higher-end colors and finishes.

best

$1,500 to $3,000

Side-by-sides get larger and carry more features, with electronic controls, special in-door cooling systems, and enhanced interior lighting. Many models are available with contoured doors and in counter-depth configurations. Bottom-mount and French door units add similar step-up features, as well as built-in ice makers, wine racks and separate temperature-controlled storage bins and drawers.

ultra

$3,000+

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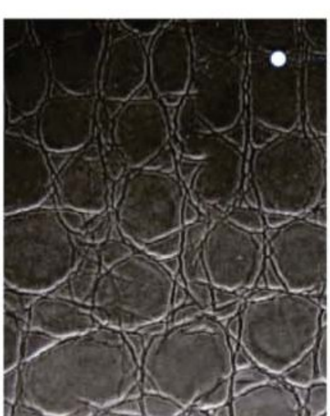
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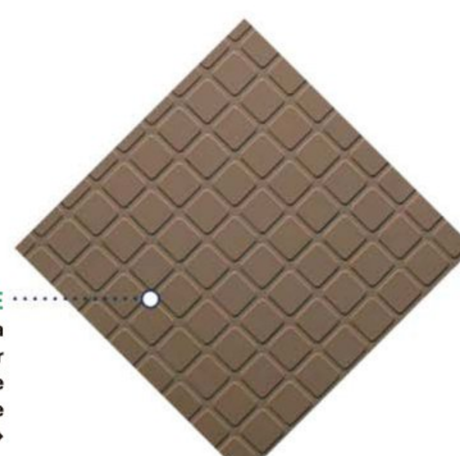
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add storage

WRITTEN BY LEE ANN MURPHY



Getting more storage is a major reason many people remodel their kitchens and baths, but it goes beyond keeping food and toiletries out of sight. Choosing the right kinds of storage and sprinkling in a little creativity will ensure a convenient home for everything. Here are some tips:

BATHS

1 **CONSIDER THEFT.** If your bath is adjacent to a closet or unused bedroom, steal space for a built-in linen cabinet. Use glass doors to encourage you to keep it tidy.

2 **DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE.** If the bathroom has two sinks, install a separate medicine cabinet above each. You'll double storage and separate the belongings of the people using the space, leading to family peace.

3 **TAKE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN GET IT.** In confined spaces, even shallow shelves between studs can provide that bonus room for storing soap, razors, perfume and medicine. The same holds for little open shelves attached to the bottoms of medicine cabinets.

4 **GO FOR STORAGE WITH STYLE.** If you like the classic look of a console sink but don't want to give up the convenience of a vanity, search for a model with at least one shelf underneath. Put a pair of wicker baskets on the shelf for classy towel storage.

5 **GO TO THE WALL.** A lot of wall space in bathrooms goes unused. One of the most common remedies is to hang a wall cabinet over the toilet, but a change of pace that's equally practical would be to put in a wine rack or a series of open cubes for towel storage.

6 Stand tall. One floor-to-ceiling cabinet can break up the horizontal feel of the bath while boosting storage. Putting a large freestanding or built-in cabinet between two sinks can have the same effect.

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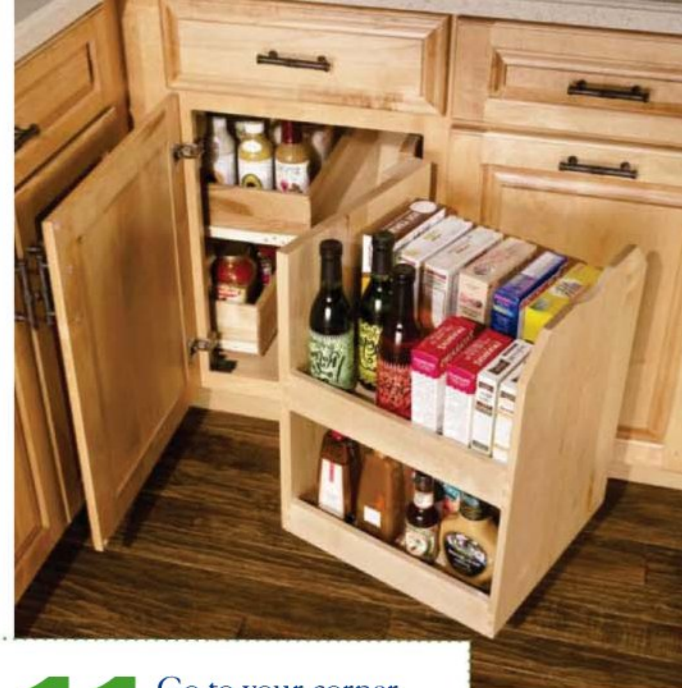
7 **PUT THINGS UP AGAINST THE WALL.** Attach a heavy-duty rail system along the backsplash and mount a rack on it for frequently used spices. Or hang your favorite cooking utensils or a cookbook holder there.

8 **COMPARTMENTALIZE.** Use dividers in drawers and cupboards to create slots for such loose items as pot lids, cookie sheets and cutting boards. A wide-open space often becomes an invitation to chaos. Dividers will help you find a home for everything.

9 **FIND SPACE FOR A TALL PANTRY.** It's the best way to organize canned goods, spices and other kitchen staples. A pull-out version could go next to the refrigerator, with cabinet and appliance teaming up to create a built-in look, even with a freestanding refrigerator.



10 Be a basket case. Slide-out baskets are a great way to store fruits, vegetables and bread, especially in an island. They allow these fresh foods to breathe but keep them off the countertop and out of the way until needed.



11 Go to your corner. Kitchens should include at least one large corner cabinet with a lazy Susan or pull-out basket. Increasingly sophisticated design has made this big space more and more usable.

12 **CAN IT.** Store spatulas and other frequently used cooking utensils in a stainless canister next to the stove. This makes those tools more accessible and saves drawer space for items used less often.

13 **TAP INTO A CABINET'S SECRET STORAGE SPOT: THE DOOR.** It's an easy space to waste, but the inside of a cabinet door is perfect for skinny things. Install spice racks, pot lid holders or hooks for oven mitts there.

14 **CONSIDER BUILDING STORAGE INTO CUSTOM COUNTERS.** Some slots near the backsplash for knives would help more than you realize, as would a trough or bins for oils, vinegars and seasonings.

15 **GIVE ALL YOUR CABINETS SOME GUTS.** Tall, slim pull-out units and pull-out spice racks (the latter usually installed next to the range) provide columns of easily accessible storage without taking up much space.

16 **HANG THOSE POTS.** Putting pots and pans on hooks not only makes them easier to get to when you're cooking, it can free up storage space for other things. An island is a prime location for overhead pot storage.

17 **GET THE LOW DOWN.** Incorporate shallow drawers into the plinth below base cabinets. You can use this toekick area to store a folding step stool, a dustpan, newspapers for recycling or anything that's flat. ◆

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clean at all ages

A good family bath has to accommodate young and old

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH



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ABOVE: If a family bath is the only bath in the house, it should have two sinks to avoid traffic jams in the morning.

In homes with master baths, the family bath is understood to be primarily for the kids. When it refers to the only full bathroom in the house, then it truly is for the entire family. These variations share many design strategies, but differences do crop up.

ONE SINK OR TWO

Most notably, a bath for just the kids would be better off with one sink, says Steve Erenrich, CKD, of Patete Kitchen and Bath Design Center, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. A bath that everyone shares should have two basins.

"A lot of builders will put two sinks in a bathroom if the home is designed for more than one child," Erenrich says. "But it's a lot more accommodating to have one sink in the middle of a stretch of counter with drawers down the side."

Homeowners may want to consider solid-surfacing sinks mounted seamlessly into the vanity top. "This allows you to just wipe down the counters right into the



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WISH LIST: FAMILY BATHROOM



In a home with a master bath, one sink will do in the family bath, as adolescents typically want nothing to do with each other. Note the easy-clean integral sink and plentiful storage.

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sink," says Alan Ness, of Ten Direction Design, in Seattle.

The one-sink strategy also promotes family harmony by encouraging solo bathroom use. "People are under the impression that their kids are going to want to use the bathroom together," Erenrich says. "But the reality is, once they reach a certain age, they want no part of one another."

SHOWERS AND TUBS

"If you have a powder room downstairs and a master bath with a shower only, the kids' bathroom is going to have a tub in it, whether they like it or not, for resale purposes," Erenrich says. "Unless there's room for separate fixtures, it has to be a tub-shower combination."

Erenrich recommends a shower door instead of a curtain, and clear glass is best. "It makes the space look larger, whereas a curtain creates a visual wall—and it collects mold and mildew." A door also does a better job of containing splashes.

FAN CLUB

Ventilation is an important and frequently neglected aspect of bathrooms. "I recommend putting a fan-light combination right in the tub area," Erenrich says. "Steam heads up and out, so a fan there collects it directly."

Ness recommends a 90 cfm fan at least, meaning the unit will circulate 90 cubic feet of air per minute, and suggests one with an automatic timer as kids may not remember to turn it on. "Set it to run for two hours after a shower to thoroughly exhaust the moisture," he says. →



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Moisture issues are only amplified in high-use family baths. Proper ventilation is fundamental.

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WISH LIST: FAMILY BATHROOM



RIGHT: Teens today don't take baths, but unless you have a tub somewhere else in your home, you'll have to put one in the family bath. That means a tub/shower combo. A clear glass door reduces that closed-off feeling.

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CLUTTER CONTROL

Storage is critical, and Ness recommends fitting it in wherever possible, including multiple medicine cabinets and open shelving.

Ness is also big on towel bars, rings and hooks. "You can put towel bars on the back wall of a tub/shower combination—opposite the showerhead. They usually don't get wet there." An advantage of hooks is that they can go on narrow walls as well as the back of the bathroom door. Rehanging towels on a hook also requires less effort, potentially promoting tidiness.

SITTING ROOM

Keep in mind the toilet's ergonomics, Erenrich says. "With little children, I wouldn't suggest a higher-than-standard comfort-height model. They don't work well for shorter people; their feet can't touch the ground, and that makes it awkward to use."

SAFETY FIRST

Other than installing grab bars and maybe some locks on medicine cabinets, bathroom safety is fairly automatic. Many local codes require temperature-controlled showers and electrical outlets with ground-fault circuit interrupters. That leaves homeowners free to nail down the details that make the space inviting and, most importantly, keep the family at peace. A bath that accomplishes all of that is nothing less than a huge success. ◆

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Venetian glassblowing techniques are used to craft these lovelies from Tracy Glover Studio—just another reason why we want to flaunt them in our homes. In eight colors, including Aurora (shown). 1½ inch, $40. 401-461-1560; *www.tracygloverstudio.com*.

3. A BELLE BALL

Sherle Wagner's chic and sculptural gold-plate Aurora knob is well worth the splurge for the instant posh and the attention it will bring to doors and drawers. $150. 212-758-3300; *www.sherlewagner.com*.

4. POINTS OF INTEREST

The classic detailing on this beaded style from Baldwin Hardware will complement traditional and contemporary surroundings alike. Available in seven finishes including polished brass (shown). 1-inch knob, from $9. 800-566-1986; *www.baldwinhardware.com*.

5. FIT TO BE TIED

We're all wrapped up in York Street's woven knot pull right now—think of it paired with grainy woods and rich paints. Available in antique gold (shown), copper, bronze and pewter. 1¼ inches, $24. 860-350-5559; *www.yorkstreet.com*.

6. SPIRAL SENSATION

Omnia Industries' ridged circular design looks appropriately smart in a modern kitchen or bath. Available in polished chrome, satin chrome, lacquered brass and polished brass (shown). 1 inch, $7; 1³⁄₁₆ inches, $10. 800-310-7960; *www.omniaindustries.com*.

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GOLDEN GEM

Handmade in Murano, Italy, these glass knobs from Te-Ma definitely warrant your undivided attention. Available in gold, amber (shown) and silver. ⅞ inch, $28; 1⅛ inches, $32. 800-491-5571; *www.te-ma.com*.



ALWAYS IN SEASON

The Pomegranate knob by Heinz Pfleger puts us in the decorating mood (and makes us a little hungry, too). In polished aluminum, $18; brushed nickel, dark antique brass and polished brass (shown), 2½ inches, $26. 416-593-0182; *www.duverre.com*.



ORANGE CRUSH

Made to order from layers of opaque and translucent glass, Spectra Décor's Hue knob has a fresh, fun look. Available in 13 glass colors and 12 color combinations including WhMaOr (shown). 1¼-inch square knob, $33. 800-550-1986; *www.spectradecor.com*.

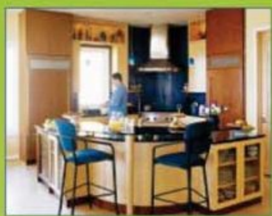


RED HOT

A bright hexagonal glass knob from Rejuvenation Hardware really shines against a light-colored cabinet. Available in 14 colors including red. 1 inch, $3.75; 1¼ inches, $4.25; 1½ inches, $4.50. 888-401-1900; *www.rejuvenation.com*. ◆

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cook out

It's summertime! Here's a look at the hottest barbecues around

WRITTEN BY LESLIE PLUMMER CLAGETT

The latest crop of great-looking—and performing—grills are an incentive to get serious about creating a fabulous outdoor kitchen that's just right for your lifestyle.



FOR THE ON-THE-GO GOURMET

Undercooked foods are rendered passé by this electric tabletop grill. The automatic temperature probe sounds an alert when the meat has reached the desired temperature. Legacy Electric Convection Grill, $600. *www.frontgate.com*.



FOR THE ARMCHAIR CHEF

Warm your toes on the footrest-cum-safety bar that rings this laid-back grill. Fabricated of cold-rolled steel, its diecut celestial motif glows into the night. Star & Moon model, $300. *www.sojoe.com*.



FOR THE À LA CART CLASSICIST

This is the All-American barbecue in a handsome wheeled package. Nearly 425 square inches of cooking area, porcelain-enameled "Flavorizer" bars and ample storage space complete this cart. Spirit E-310 model, $500. *www.weber.com*.



FOR THE WELL-ROUNDED CHEF

You can flip or fry from edge to edge of this 25-inch steel cooking surface. Pop on the stainless steel hood to bake, roast or steam foods; a drip pan keeps things tidy. Evo Companion Tabletop model, $1,756. *www.evo-web.com*.

OUTDOOR LIVING: GRILLS





FOR LINEAR THINKERS
This simple but sophisticated modular outdoor kitchen comprises a grill, sink and work surfaces. At the bottom of the tables, a slatted shelf keeps essentials close. Outdoor Kitchen, $9,980 as shown. *www.viteo.at.*

FOR THE 24/7 ENTHUSIAST
If long hours at the grill leave you sporting a well-done sunburn, or if rain threatens, clamp on this canopy and take shelter from the elements. Grill Comfort Sun Shade, $230, *www.hammacher.com.*

Top 3 Secret Sauce Ingredients:
Garlic 54%
Brown Sugar 51%
Honey 45%

(Weber GrillWatch Survey, 2007)

FOR THE ENERGY-EFFICIENT COOK
Only 12 inches in diameter, this cute, compact grill dispatches with lugging bags of charcoal: A mere eight briquettes fuels three hours of cooking. Cobb Portable Grill, $140. *www.redenvelope.com.*

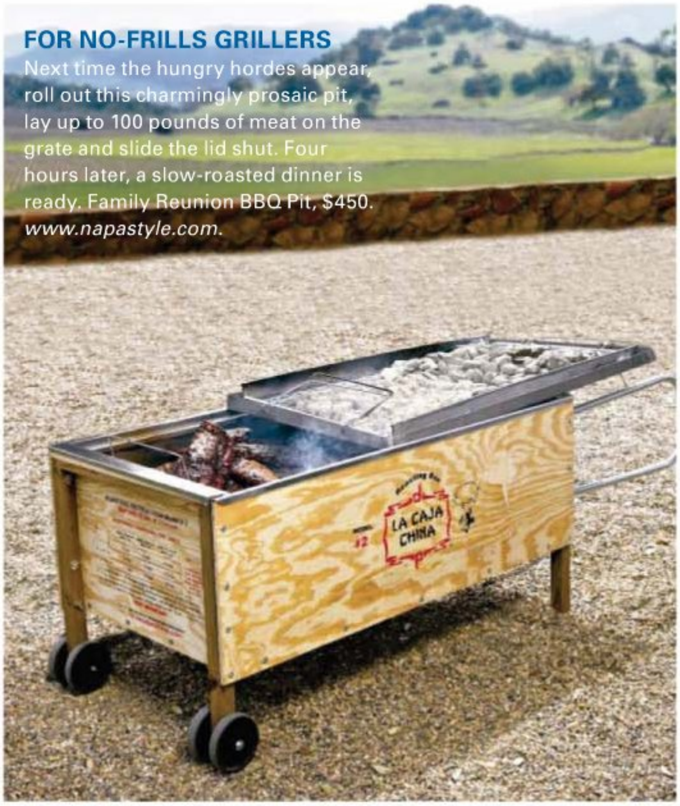




FOR THE SPACE-CHALLENGED
No place to store a full-size grill? Take heart, this ultra-slim Fold-Flat BBQ collapses for storing just about anywhere. About $40. *www.iwantoneofthose.com.*


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FOR NO-FRILLS GRILLERS

Next time the hungry hordes appear, roll out this charmingly prosaic pit, lay up to 100 pounds of meat on the grate and slide the lid shut. Four hours later, a slow-roasted dinner is ready. Family Reunion BBQ Pit, $450. *www.napastyle.com.*



FOR THE EXTERIOR DESIGNER

Worthy of a museum sculpture garden with its slate and teak prep areas and architectonic form, the 42-inch Fuego 01 features a LED temperature indicator and a nifty drawer system that lets you switch from gas to charcoal. $3,500. *www.fuegoliving.com.*



FOR THE MULTITASKER

This device combines a fan and a flashlight to keep the cook cool and the food in focus. BBQ Fan with Light, $40. *www.target.com.*

FOR THE BACKYARD BATALI

Put this 16×14-inch pizza stone on your gas grill and escape from the steak and shish kebob routine. The integral thermometer allows you to keep track of the temperature. Grill-Top Pizza Stone, $100. *www.williams-sonoma.com.*



FOR THE ZEN MASTER

The top panels of the Edo glide open to reveal an 18×24-inch grill. An upgrade option: a laser-cut personalized cooking surface. Edo Grill, $6,000; customized cooking surface starts at $349, depending on size and layout. *www.kalamazoogourmet.com.*



chill out

These cool backyard designs provide on-the-spot refreshment

Once you've finished toiling over a hot grill, a spritz under one of these stylish portable showers is sure to please. They are a breeze to install: Just hook them up to the garden hose—no plumbing required.



UNEXPECTED PLEASURE
Step on this 31-inch disc, and cool sprays rise upward—a surprise shower in reverse. $1,090. *www.viteo.at.*



PRIVACY, PLEASE
A collapsible cabana is easily assembled for those who prefer to shower off in solitude. The door zips closed. $110. *www.hammacher.com.*



CROSS CURRENTS
Streams of water form an elegant and soothing X pattern in this teak-and-steel shower. $3,100. *www.janehamleywells.com.*



BIRD BATH
Toss your towel on one of the branches of this abstract stainless steel tree while you enjoy a cooling sprinkle. $2,600. *www.conmoto.com.* ◆

3 kitchen makeovers for serious cooks

WRITTEN BY JEANNIE MATTEUCCI



PHOTOGRAPH: STORYBOOK STUDIOS

BEFORE: With a drop ceiling and cramped layout, the old kitchen was not very inviting. AFTER: Now, Laura loves spending time in her 250-square-foot kitchen. "It's so conducive to cooking," she says. "There's a lot more counter space and everything is right there."

1 chef's special

Laura Austin loves to cook, but preparing her favorite dishes in her old 215-square-foot kitchen was always a chore. "There was no counter space and it was so closed in," she says. Laura, who shares her waterfront Gulf Breeze, Florida, home with husband Paul and son LaBruce, likes to entertain and wanted a more open kitchen. The couple asked Cheryl Kees Clendenon, owner of In Detail Kitchen and Bath in Pensacola, Florida, to help them create a clean, modern space designed for cooking. She removed a wall dividing the kitchen from the family room and raised the ceiling to open things up. A pantry was eliminated and the peninsula was pushed toward the family room. Clendenon also added a built-in wine rack and top-of-the-line appliances—including a duel-fuel range, steam oven, warming drawer and built-in coffee center—giving Laura and Paul the tools they need to whip up gourmet meals. "I've had two professional chefs come in here to cater parties and they said it's the best home kitchen they've ever worked in," says Laura.

IN THE DETAILS

- **CABINETS** Stained and glazed maple cabinets provide lots of storage for this gourmet kitchen. A few of the upper cabinets have hammered glass while others have louvered doors. "The louvers go with the casual, coastal feel of the house," says Clendenon.
- **COUNTERTOPS** Laura and Paul chose a distinct granite with gold, brown and beige flecks and lots of pattern. "I wanted something less uniform," says Laura, "I never thought of anything but granite."
- **FLOORING** Looking for something not too dark—or too light—Laura and Paul settled on a wormy chestnut from Australia for their floor. "I have two dogs and it holds up well," says Laura.
- **WALL COLOR** A pale green color was used on the kitchen walls. The walls of the adjoining family room have an earth-tone grasscloth that adds texture to the shared space.

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2 professional upgrade

When kitchen designer Cheryl Kees Clendenon married husband Randy and moved into his Pensacola Beach cottage, she knew the existing kitchen had to go. "I told my husband he was in trouble when he married a kitchen designer who loves to cook," she says. The couple, who share their home with their blended family of three kids, needed updated appliances and better storage. Since the kitchen is completely open to their living room, they also needed a more attractive look. Clendenon replaced the center island with an L-shaped island featuring open and closed storage and tops made of copper and wenge wood. "I thought the copper looked cool," says Clendenon. "I use the wood for chopping. People don't realize there are other options besides maple." The island includes her favorite appliance in the kitchen—a built-in steamer. "I use it all the time," she says. "It's a small kitchen, but I packed a lot into it."



BEFORE: With stark white cabinets and all-white appliances, the old kitchen was rather bland.
AFTER: A contemporary halogen fixture over the sink and well-placed recessed lights help illuminate the 150-square-foot room. "It's comfortable, pretty and functions well for someone who likes to bake," says Clendenon.

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** Removing an old pantry made room for a 30-inch pro-style range. Because the kitchen is open to the living room, Clendenon added panel fronts to her refrigerator and dishwasher for a finished look. She also included an additional wall oven with a microwave above it. "It was important for me as a cook to have the two ovens," she says. "I compromised on other things, but wanted those ovens."
- **BACKSPLASH** Giving a modern twist to regular-size subway tiles, Clendenon used 1×6-inch green glass tiles for her new backsplash. A similar light-green shade was used for the inside of her glass-front cabinets.
- **CABINETS** The kitchen's cottage-style cabinets are finished on top with crown molding. Since she thought her kitchen window looked squat, she used cabinets on the side and at the top to visually lift it.
- **FARMHOUSE SINK** A large farmhouse sink adds to the country look of the updated kitchen. Clendenon favors a deep single-bowl sink. "Double-bowls are from the days when we didn't have dishwashers," she says. →



PHOTOGRAPH: STORYBOOK STUDIOS

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BEFORE: With standard appliances and a closed-in location, the old kitchen was not very inviting—or functional.
AFTER: The Cohens incorporated some of their art collection into the new kitchen design, including an abstract watercolor that inspired the room's color palette.

3 haute cuisine

Carole Cohen of Washington, D.C., admits she is a foodie. She subscribes to culinary magazines and enjoys cooking meals for herself and her husband, Jordan, as well as entertaining. But with limited counter space and a difficult floor plan, Carole wanted to upgrade her 174-square-foot kitchen. "The old kitchen had no bells or whistles," she says. "And it was dark." To help her create a more pleasant, modern kitchen, she hired interior designer Sarah Kahn Turner, of Gilday Renovations in Silver Spring, Maryland. "We wanted to open up the space and make it more friendly," says Turner. An interior wall separating the kitchen from a sitting room was removed, allowing natural light inside. The sitting room was converted into an eating space with a fireplace and small desk for Carole. The formal dining room is now on the other side of the 230-square-foot kitchen through some pocket doors. "The new layout allows Carole to be in the kitchen and look into her garden," says Turner. "We were able to bring the outside in." ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** Carole Cohen now has all the upgraded appliances she wanted, including a refrigerator and dishwasher with panel fronts, double wall ovens and a four-burner cooktop with pot-filler.
- **CABINETS** The kitchen's light maple cabinets keep with the room's contemporary feel. Some have ribbed-glass fronts that match the glass used on the doors separating the kitchen from the new dining room.
- **ISLAND** With built-in storage for wine and spices, and base cabinets for extra china and cookware, the center island is a multifunctional addition. "It gives me work space and separates the cleanup from the cooking area," says Carole.
- **PANTRY** A 6-inch-deep pantry cabinet to the left of the microwave gives Carole a place to stow canned goods. "We maximized as much space as we could for storage in this kitchen," says Turner.

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decor that stores

Keep kitchen clutter under control with these attractive and practical storage units and accessories

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY DAMAST



According to *What 21st Century Home Buyers Want* (Home Builder Press, 2002), 78 percent of homeowners rate a walk-in pantry as desirable or essential—it's the most highly rated kitchen feature, even compared to such elements as a work island or water filtration system. But don't despair if your home lacks that extra storage room; you can make the most of overlooked existing space with these accent and wall pieces that work double duty to bank your belongings.





A MOVABLE FEAST

Stack recipe tomes and other kitchen essentials right by the chopping block with this sturdy Iron Book Stand. The removable book rest on top keeps volumes a safe distance from splatter, and you can roll the unit for easy viewing. $795. 866-776-1600; *www.napastyle.com*.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Like a dutiful waiter, this birch wine rack stands with glasses and hors d'oeuvres at the ready. It stores six bottles inverted to prevent the oxidation of your cellar's best; the tray top detaches for convenient serving. $130. 800-321-1484; *www.hammacher.com*.

SPICE UP YOUR RACK

With the Norwegian Food and Spice Storage Cabinet, keep an eye on dry staples in the 12 windowed aluminum scoops, and preserve spices in the nine vacuum-sealed bottles. Measuring 30×20×10 inches, the wood cabinet can stand freely or be wall mounted. In six colors including Norwegian Blue (shown). About $790. *www.ellaskitchencompany.com*.

SPIN ME 'ROUND

The Spinny Cabinet boldly boasts 12 plastic drawers that swivel around a steel post. Casters make it mobile. Spinny comes in red, blue, black or white and is 49×29×29 inches closed. $720. 866-663-4483; *www.hivemodern.com*. →





BARE IT ALL
Stash everything plus the kitchen sink on the wall with Moormann's Erika storage system. Choose from 23 modules in red or crème to hang from stainless steel rails. Average module bundle, $1,000. 718-599-6278; *www.thefutureperfect.com*.



ALL ABOARD
The Legnoart-Italy Platinum Trolley packs an entire prep station into one efficient mobile unit. Seven drawers, two work surfaces and tons of built-in holders will make you want to take this 56×26×36-inch trolley for a ride. $7,250. 877-965-8742; *www.tribbleshomeandgarden.com*.



POT LUCK
With trim, triangular chrome shelves and maple supports, this Cookware Stand holds pots, pans, dinnerware and more. Measuring only 54×17 inches, the tower tucks neatly into a corner, or poses near the stove for quick access. $200. 800-451-6118; *www.jkadams.com*.

FILL THE COOP
This lacquered hardwood Storage Coop has 12 compartments with label holders for stockpiling virtually anything that can fit into each 10×10×12-inch space. $479. 800-207-5627; *www.stonewallkitchen.com*. ◆







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kitchens

Truly good storage doesn't come as a prefab solution; it's designed to fit the way you work and live in a space. These kitchens show how effective—and attractive—personalized storage can be.

A heavily insulated French range forges an impressive presence and is also the culinary powerhouse of the kitchen. "It's built like a vault," says homeowner Gregory Johnson.



Long-Term Investment

A LIFETIME OF EXPERIENCE WENT INTO THIS EFFICIENT KITCHEN DESIGN

WRITTEN BY THERESA MCTAMMANY PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID DUNCAN LIVINGSTON STYLED BY FELICITY BRYNE

When Gregory Johnson describes his kitchen as "built for sound," he's not referring to its acoustics. While "jam sessions" happen regularly in the antique Victorian home located in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district, they are strictly of the culinary variety. "We like to invite people over to cook as a social activity and we needed a place that could comfortably accommodate our friends," says Johnson, recalling a recent gathering celebrating a bumper crop of Meyer lemons. "Everyone pitched in and we had a great time," he says. That kitchen work party yielded a tasty lemon curd along with several batches of sorbet and pungent limoncello aperitif. "We do things like that all the time." As entertaining needs escalated, their outdated galley kitchen strained to keep up. Fortunately, Gregory and his wife, Michelle Morainvillers, knew what had to be done. Now retired, both had worked in professional

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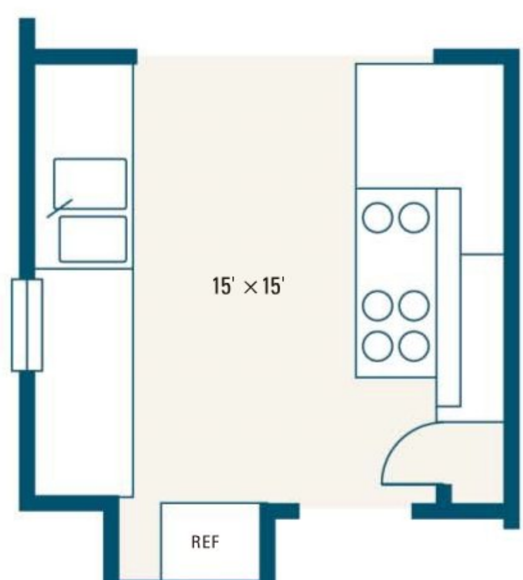
LEFT: **Fabricated of stainless steel, the double-basin sink is deep enough to hold the owners' largest pot—a behemoth used for canning. To the left of the sink, knives slip neatly into their designated slots in the 48-inch butcher-block slab.**

kitchens—he cooked up patés and confits for a well-known Parisian caterer while she flourished as a pastry chef—so they undertook the remodeling project, with Gregory acting as general contractor.

While the footprint of the 130-square-foot kitchen remained the same, structural changes expanded the cramped dining room and provided enough room for an 80-square-foot outdoor terrace. Dominating the cooking area is a hefty European commercial range with a variety of burners (including a French top) and dual ovens. To the right of the range, a built-in stainless steel tower corrals a collection of mixing bowls. Open shelves replace wall-hung cabinets, providing ready access to their contents. "Isn't it easier to just grab plates and glasses and put them on the table?" Gregory says. A collection of well-used copper cookware, purchased during the couple's frequent trips to France, hangs within easy reach of the range. "We lugged them home in our suitcase a piece at a time."

Gregory insisted on durable, easy-to-maintain surfaces similar to those found in the Italian cafés and bistros he has visited. The materials he selected—butcher-block, marble and stainless

RIGHT: The old galley kitchen strained to function during gatherings. The update is basically a wider version of a galley—with a nice dining table, more powerful amenities and thus a lot more flexibility.



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ



Massive expanses of glass make the eating area a treasure. The high shelves around the perimeter are a perfect perch for display items and audio equipment (in the corner).



BELOW: Open shelves rule the kitchen walls. More than lightening the look by eliminating wall cabinets, they make dishes easier to take down and put away.



steel—contribute to the kitchen's professional ambience, but their aesthetic benefits don't stop at installation. "The limestone and marble pick up a wonderful patina over time," Gregory says.

The floor planks are salvaged California bay laurel; the cabinets crafted of redwood slabs culled from 800-year-old trees in nearby Mendocino, accented with claro walnut trim. Upon viewing the virgin wood recovered from the forest floor, the owners resisted the urge to chop it up for cabinetry. Instead, they devised a slim pullout pantry that strategically incorporated the 8-foot boards as door panels. "We call it the Redwood Forest," Gregory says.

However, salvaged wood presents special challenges, as the couple's cabinetmaker, Ken Seidman, of Seidman Woodworks in San Francisco discovered. "It doesn't come in standard sizes," Seidman says, "so it's more difficult to cut, mill and plane." In addition, redwood is a soft wood that dents easily, making it an unorthodox choice for cabinet construction. To stabilize the large doors, Seidman glued the 1/4-inch panels to plywood backing for extra support. "Sure, it's harder to utilize, but the end result is beautiful," he says, noting that the owners fully embraced the imperfections of the wood. "I told them it would ding, but they didn't mind." Moreover, the couple couldn't be happier with the results. "This is timeless design that will last for another 25 years," Gregory says. "We are never going to rip this kitchen out."

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Accessories render almost every cubic inch of this pantry functional. The wire rack in the main compartment creates a veritable merry-go-round of cooking staples; slide-out bins provide access to items in the back of the cabinet.

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design points

A kitchen that sees plenty of cooking and entertaining, including a few jam-making get-togethers, needs some robust equipment and spaces to keep everything. Here's what the design team did for this kitchen:

STEP 1: PREP To wash the fresh produce, the double-bowl stainless steel sink includes a perforated insert, also stainless, that serves as a colander (right). The insert covers virtually the entire bowl area and removes easily for cleaning.

STEP 2: COOK Making a batch of preserves can use up a lot of bowls. These stainless steel shelves (below left) nestled next to the range provide storage that's abundant, easy-to-clean and conveniently placed.

STEP 3: STORE Generous divided drawers (below right) keep all those goodies in one handy place. The size helps, too. "I save time if I only have to open one drawer instead of two," Gregory Johnson says. ◆







Roll With It

COUNTERS ON CASTERS ARE JUST ONE OF THE SURPRISES IN THIS KITCHEN

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY J. SAVAGE GIBSON
STYLED BY BRICE GAILLARD

Equipped with a center island, commercial stainless steel appliances and a double-sink unit, this industrial-style chef's work center has everything—except the kitchen cabinets.

"The owner wanted an open, urbane kitchen that was very functional, super utilitarian and that would not obstruct the views of the woods and river outside," says designer/builder Charles Ferguson, of the Meridian Company in Beaufort, South Carolina. "And he wanted a lot of flexibility."

So Ferguson and architect Charles Lachanos, of Greenville, South Carolina, put their heads together and came up with a low-budget design that really takes the toque.



ABOVE: Those aren't base cabinets against the wall; they're actually restaurant-grade stainless steel tables. The designer had mahogany cabinet and drawer boxes built to fit on the worktable shelves.

OPPOSITE: In the island, wood drawers expand the amount of top shelf space that's usable. The deep tones of the mahogany storage components complement the floor, made of reclaimed Douglas fir. Window light eases the heaviness of all the dark wood.



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LEFT: This genuine commercial range is not insulated, creating safety issues that, quite conveniently, the steel tables resolve. Stainless steel is a poor heat conductor, so it makes an excellent countertop material here. Also, the table configuration puts the minimum three inches between the heat source and the wood cabinets.

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Lachanos took advantage of the 14-foot-high walls and turned the 300-square-foot space into a loftlike setting. By putting banks of windows on two walls, he complemented the architecture of the shingle-style house and ushered in the beauty of the 26-acre property on Coosaw Island.

"The biggest challenge was finding a storage system," says Lachanos. "With so many windows in this room, there was no place to put cabinets." Ferguson turned to a kitchen-supply house and substituted rolling stainless steel tables for fixed cabinets. One table constitutes the 4-foot-square central island; others stand side by side, forming a countertop around the kitchen's perimeter. The tables were about $120 each, much less expensive than conventional cabinetry. "They all can be rolled around as needed," Ferguson says. "When the cook is working, they are moved together, and when people are eating in the kitchen, the island is pushed aside to set up a small table. Even the stove can be moved out a few inches from the wall."

To provide storage and give the tables a less sterile look, Ferguson specified drawer boxes of dovetailed mahogany, lined with maple, that fit on the shelves of the worktables. The



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

ABOVE: This kitchen actually has a variable layout, although typically, it's essentially an L with an island. The room's complete lack of wall cabinets gives it space for lots of windows, which provide much-needed light, ventilation and terrific views.

woody warmth complements the wide reclaimed Douglas fir planks of the floor and the stucco fireplace.

Glass shelves over some of the windows form artistic perches for glassware and china, and industrial track lighting can be adjusted to shed light on individual workstations to suit the task at hand. A stand-up mahogany pantry, which Ferguson designed to match the table drawers, provides a convenient spot for food storage.

"This design really shows off the kitchen equipment, and it fits in with the sculptural quality of the house," Lachanos says. "It's eco-friendly because you're not using hardwoods or wasting trees on cabinetry."

And when the owner is ready to move, all he has to do is roll his kitchen into his new house and start cooking. ◆



ABOVE: One of the few fixed elements of the kitchen, the sink and stainless steel stand complete the restaurant look. The high arc of the wall-mounted faucet is great for filling very tall pots, and the sprayer hose can blast the mess off of those pots—and the other dishes—when the meal is over.



design points

CUTTING CABINETS

Assembling a kitchen without cabinets may seem radical, but designer/builder Charles Ferguson and architect Charles Lachanos figured out a way.

TURN THE TABLES Ferguson effectively transformed restaurant-grade steel tables (left) into contemporary kitchen furniture by outfitting them with wooden boxes and drawers.

WHEEL THE DEAL The fact that the stainless steel tables are on wheels (below left) lets the homeowner situate storage where he wants it and move it out of the way when needed.

LOOK AT THINGS YOUR WAY Glass shelves (below) provide storage without sacrificing light or the view and without adding visual bulk.





a Perfect fit

THERE'S NO QUARTER GIVEN TO CLUTTER IN THIS



WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID DUNCAN LIVINGSTON
STYLED BY FELICITY BYRNE

Mark and Patti Kogan have their kitchen routine down pat: He does most of the cooking, and she does most of the cleanup. So when they remodeled their Orinda, California, home they created a kitchen that "worked" for them in all senses of the word.

Medium-gray oak cabinets and an 8×4-foot stainless steel island, both from Arclinea San Francisco, bring elegance and beauty to the 16×14-foot room. The sleek exteriors house a host of organizers that allow Patti, a certified public accountant, to efficiently store everything from oversize stock pots to paring knives.

"Everything is easily accessible and close to where we do the work," says Mark, a physician. "The silverware drawer, for example, is right next to the dishwasher."

Ericke Wilson, owner of Arclinea San Francisco, the kitchen cabinet and design firm that executed the new space, agrees. "There is a place for everything in the room," she says.

Two tall vertical storage units, with drawers on bottom and doors on top, plus a pullout pantry filled with steel wire baskets, anchor



Gray cabinets come to life thanks to tasteful, vibrant accents and excellent lighting. "The stainless steel island bounces and reflects light, making the space much brighter," says designer Eriche Wilson.

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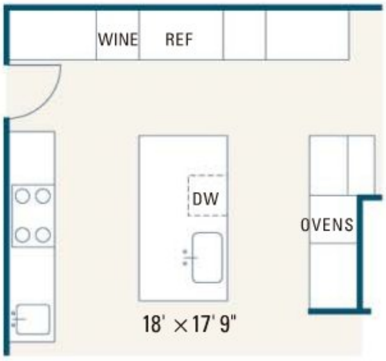
Ramping up storage and carefully mapping it out were equally important to making this remodel a success. "We doubled the efficiency without adding any square feet," says homeowner Mark Kogan.

the refrigerator and wine cooler. A counter-to-ceiling appliance garage near the double ovens conveniently consolidates the small appliances—microwave, coffeemaker, toaster and blender. Its retractable shelf is just the right size for a dinner plate and coffee cup.

On either side of the cooktop is a 6-inch-wide pull-out base cabinet. This handy tandem holds essential ingredients, most notably oils and vinegars. "Patti likes to keep things in order and to have everything immaculate," says Wilson, "so we chose stainless steel for the backsplash because it is easy to clean. The cabinets don't have hardware for the same reason. The result is an understated elegance, but it's functional. It's a kitchen that's made to be cooked in."

Sometimes, the Kogans' 15-year-old daughter, Rachel, and 12-year-old son, Jacob, pitch in. In such cases, a pair of sinks make it easy for two people to work at once. The main sink is on the island, and a food-prep basin sits by the cooktop. Setting the table is a snap because glasses and dishes are in glass-front cabinets close to the dining area of the kitchen.

Even the desk does kitchen duty: Its bookshelves are filled with cookbooks, making it an ideal place for Mark to research new recipes. ◆



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

ABOVE: What's the key to making this flexible floor plan work like a charm? The two sinks. Having one on the same wall as the cooktop saves the chef from doing end-runs around the island. The primary basin anchors the dishwasher, and is paired with the built-in ovens.







design points

WHAT'S IN STORAGE

Hardware manufacturers have created increasingly sophisticated ways of making and using cabinets and drawers. Thanks to continuous engineering of hinges, drawer slides and interior organizers, a cabinet can now have no hardware on the outside but be filled with practical goodness inside.

TUNE INTO THE CHANNEL In lieu of a knob or pull, a channel running along the side of a cabinet or the top of a drawer (top left) serves as a handle. This leaves the front completely unadorned—and really easy to clean.

SMOOTH RUNNING Don't even worry about that channel groove being difficult to grip. Current hinges and drawer slides have been designed for easy opening and soft closing.

A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING
Taking a cue from the Dutch artist Piet Mondrian, European hardware makers conceived a modular drawer system (top left) that uses dividers and metal trays to create organizational harmony among the bottle stoppers, lemon reamers, balls of butcher's twine and miscellaneous doodads that tend to migrate to the deep, forgotten recesses of the utensil drawer. (Note how the drawer pulls out all the way for 100 percent access. Sweet!)

HIGH ON CONVENIENCE You can choose from several options for tall pantries (left). You can opt for pullouts that are accessible from both sides. Or you could mount a rack on the door and add a series of roll-out shelves. The variations are practically limitless.

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WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

Double Duty

ARMOIRES DELIVER THE AESTHETIC ZING OF FURNITURE AND THE STORAGE OF CABINETS

Sometimes, the quest for places to put stuff results in an avalanche of cabinets that make kitchens look boxy and monolithic. A tasteful armoire adds aesthetic variation without sacrificing storage.

"So many parts of a kitchen space are big and heavy," says Lori Jo Krengel, CMKBD, of Kitchens by Krengel in St. Paul, Minnesota. "Armoires offer a chance to take something that could be heavy and lighten it up. Even though it's built in, it has the feel of freestanding furniture."

Armoires can serve a variety of functions, from stashing staples to housing appliances. "You can use it for wine storage or even put a side-by-side refrigerator in one," Krengel says. "You can use it as a baking center, as a sideboard or create a kind of butler's pantry as a transition into a different room."

While their uses are diverse, armoires heavily favor traditional styling. "Generally, this is not the place where you're going for a contemporary look," Krengel says. "Forget streamlined and sleek. Go for carvings, turnings, flutes and heavy crown molding."

Armoires readily lend themselves to personalization—they can be assembled using standard components available from any cabinet manufacturer. Typical units consist of an upper cabinet sitting directly on a countertop, with another cabinet below. Drawers can be added to hold flat items and moderate the proportions of the piece. Then come decorative elements: molding, appliqués and side panels for a cohesive look.

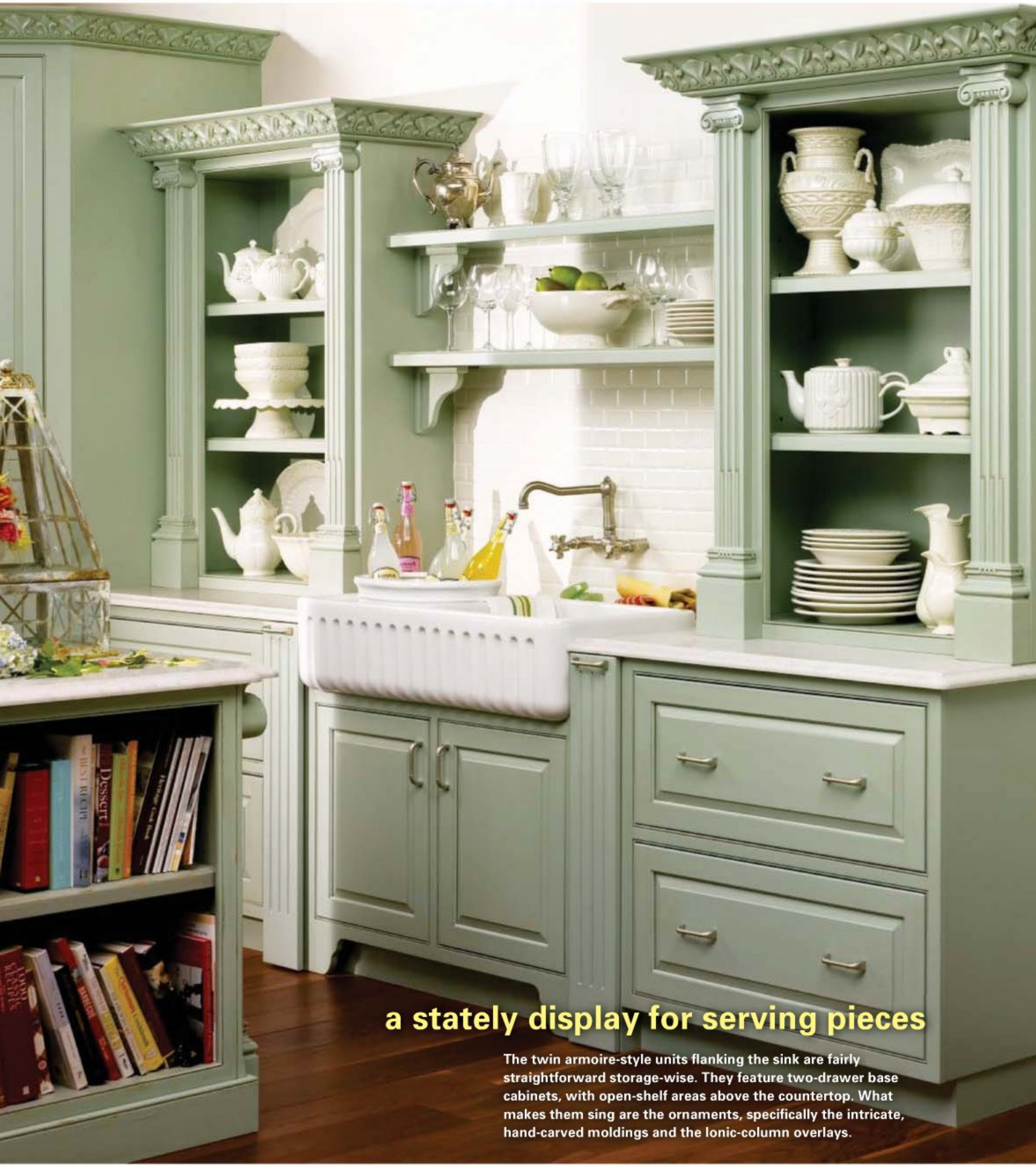
With this recipe, variations are endless. "Just to start, you can add glass doors to the upper section," Krengel says. "This makes it not look quite so much like a pantry."

Stacks of moldings cap off many armoires. Be careful, however: "There's a fine line between tasteful and tacky," Krengel says. "If you think adding another layer of trim might be too much, that's a good indication that it might be the right time to stop."

Even minor touches like knobs and pulls can greatly enhance the impact of an armoire. "You don't have very many doors," Krengel says. "Because you don't need as much hardware, you can pay extra to get something spectacular. You can spend $100 on hardware, and it'll look like you spent $1,000."

After all, the cosmetic appeal of an armoire is just as vital as its practical benefit.

PHOTOGRAPH: PLAIN & FANCY CUSTOM CABINETS



a stately display for serving pieces

The twin armoire-style units flanking the sink are fairly straightforward storage-wise. They feature two-drawer base cabinets, with open-shelf areas above the countertop. What makes them sing are the ornaments, specifically the intricate, hand-carved moldings and the Ionic-column overlays.

a splendid built-in china hutch

This custom unit contrasts an upper portion divided in thirds with a lower portion split in two. The glass doors give the feel of open shelves. Below are shorter cabinets with solid doors. Under the counter are four drawers and a valance toekick. Set into a nook, the unit doesn't require side panels, but it does include a low-key molding on top.





the perfect chef's armoire

Beneath this piece's crown molding is a 15-inch-deep cabinet with Prairie-style glass doors on top of a spice-drawer unit. Molding separates the upper cabinets from the counter and repeats under the bottom cabinet, a double-door wall unit with vanity legs that measure 31½ inches.





*capsule*kitchen

Guest areas, apartments and other smaller spaces may not have room for an armoire in the kitchen. Instead, these and other spots might welcome a kitchen in an armoire. YesterTec, which manufactures what it calls kitchen work-station furniture, now offers a kitchenette—sink, fridge, cooktop, ventilation, dishwasher and more—built into a large cabinet.

This light-duty setup won't feed the extended family on Thanksgiving, but it could bring self-sufficiency to game rooms, home theaters and in-law suites. It could also act as the crowning touch on an indulgent master suite.

The armoire measures 84×70 inches and is 25 inches deep. It can be styled to blend with any decor, the company says. From a practical standpoint, all the appliances run on standard 120-volt household current, requiring no special wiring. Additionally, the unit is UL-listed for safety; one such feature is that the heat-producing appliances will not operate when the armoire doors are closed.

PHOTOGRAPHS: LEFT, PLAIN & FANCY CUSTOM CABINETS; ABOVE RIGHT, MERRILAT; BELOW RIGHT, YESTERTEC; OPPOSITE LEFT, SMALLBONE OF DEVIZES; OPPOSITE ABOVE RIGHT, WELBORN CABINETS; OPPOSITE BELOW RIGHT, AMERICAN WOODMARK

a morning pick-me-up station

Although sold as a single unit, this armoire's distinct storage zones are unmistakable. Between the glass-door upper and solid-door lower areas is a spot for making coffee and juice. The fold-down door provides a light-duty landing area and hides the appliances when breakfast is over. A row of drawers completes the storage. Side and toe panels tie it all together, and a crown molding caps it off.





a handsome and practical sideboard

This armoire's base cabinet was trimmed from 27 to 15 inches and fitted with mullion doors. Above it is an apothecary drawer unit, a wall china cabinet and a straight valance. Moldings appear on top, at countertop level and on the lower corners. Shaker-style legs and side panels complete the unit.



a deluxe storage and beverage setup

The three-drawer base cabinet in the middle of this unit has been bumped out three inches, complementing a 15-inch-deep stack of wall cabinets perched over a pierced-arch valance. Also adding dimension is molding at top and bottom. The toe ornament cobbles together an ogee pilaster and a quarter-round molding; crown and single-bead molding top off the piece. Grape ornaments adorn both upper corners and the top center. Column fillers and decorative side panels are the finishing touches. ◆

family style

LAYOUT AND STORAGE HELP THIS SPACE SERVE A HUNGRY CROWD

Paula Whisenant loves to cook, and she also likes to be the life of the party. So when she and her husband, David, remodeled the small kitchen in their Dallas home, they needed to reconcile two critical elements: create a welcoming, open floor plan without scrimping on storage space.

"We always have all the big events of life—wedding parties, baptisms, holidays—at my house," Paula says. "I didn't want to be locked away cooking in the kitchen anymore. I couldn't give up counter area because we usually serve buffet-style, so I needed a lot of prep and serving space and a place for all my big silver serving dishes."

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEVIN MARPLE
STYLED BY MELANIE PESKETT

Because family events tend to take place at her home, Paula Whisenant needed a kitchen with enough space so that people could assist without getting in the way.



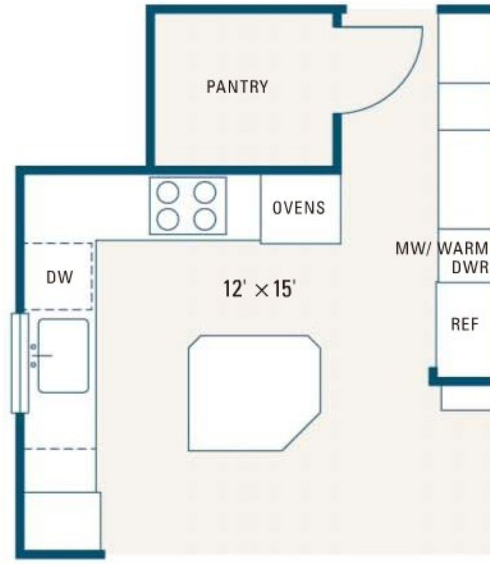


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Along with space, the kitchen needed places to have tools at the ready. An island and cabinets up to the ceiling provide the storage lost when a wall was demolished to open the kitchen to the rest of the home.





FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

ABOVE: The wide open layout allows the homeowner to serve large groups buffet-style. Appliance and sink placement means that guests can come and go without getting in the cook's way.

LEFT: The island houses pots and pans and has a built-in knife block, pull-out spice rack and an ice maker. The cantilevered seating area is good for a quick snack or a visit with the cook.

Corinne Danicki, CKD, of The Kitchen Source in Fort Worth, Texas, made the Whisenants' 12×15-foot kitchen the center of attention by installing custom traditional-style cabinets and then taking out the wall between the kitchen and the breakfast room. This demolition subtracted storage and counter space, but Danicki more than made up for it by adding a central island and running the perimeter cabinets all the way to the ceiling. "The island isn't longer than the old counter, but it is deeper, as is the cabinet by the sink, where Paula keeps her extra serving pieces," Danicki says, adding that the existing walk-in pantry became the perfect place for the freezer and nonperishables.

The island is certainly central to the function of the kitchen: It includes drawers for large pots and pans, a built-in knife block, a pull-out spice rack and an ice maker. Electrical outlet strips for small appliances such as blenders and mixers make the island a convenient place to prepare food. They also allow Paula to use warming trays and turn the area into a hot-dish service spot for party fare, which includes her famous brisket tacos.

One of Paula's favorite conveniences is the slide-out shelf to the left of the sink, because it holds her food processor. "It's at waist level, just the right height," she says. She swears by the appliance, using it for nearly every recipe. "I love to make pie crust in it. It's plugged in all the time."

Although the kitchen didn't increase in size, it increased noticeably in efficiency. The biggest plus is that no matter how involved Paula gets in meal preparation, she doesn't miss a thing that's going on outside the kitchen proper. "Now, I can see all the way into the family room, which has a big flat-screen TV," she says, "and I can talk to all the people at the party."

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This side alley, with the refrigerator, microwave and a warming drawer, can be an auxiliary cooking station or a place to finish off dishes or hors d'oeuvres before serving.

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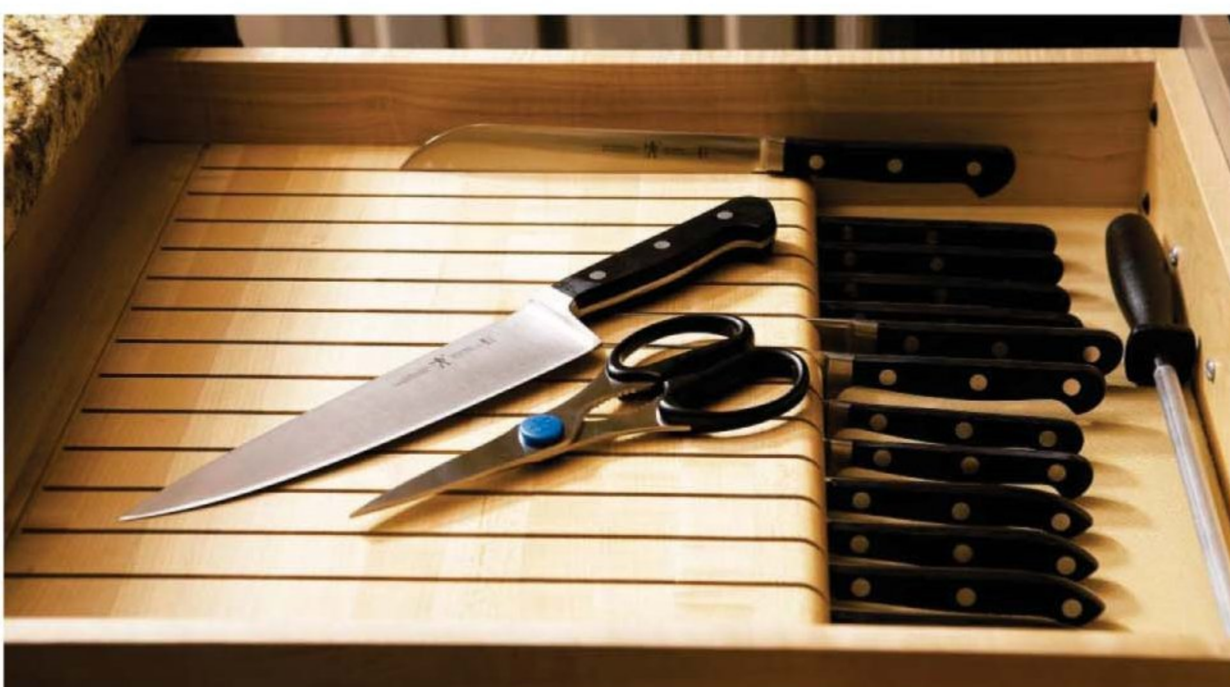
A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING

Just about every morsel of usable space has been smartly assigned in Paula Whisenant's kitchen. Designer Corinne Danicki was even able to address some of Paula's personal, perhaps less practical, requests.

KEEP ME HANGING The glass shelves on metal supports over the sink (right) add a rustic complement to the traditional cabinets, but they're actually holdovers from the original kitchen, reinstalled at Paula's request. The leaded-glass panel inserts in the cabinets on either side of the sink are also from the previous kitchen.

CUTTING IN LINE An insert in one of the island drawers (below) keeps cooking knives organized and sharp. "She does cook a lot," Danicki says, "so we made sure we had knife storage in the prep area." The designer chose the drawer option "instead of having a bulky block on the countertop, to keep the area clear."





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DUCK AND COVER A 3-inch-high cooktop drawer (top left) may seem shallow, but it beats no drawer at all. "The guts of the cooktop hang down, so usually it's just a false front," Danicki says. Three inches is room enough for tools and towels.

SPICE AND SPAN Flanking the island are pull-out spice racks (top) behind decorative rope moldings. The cabinets are 4½ inches wide, and both have adjustable-height shelves on two sides.

CORNER STORE Half-moon turn-out shelves (left) transform a 21-inch opening into 42 inches of usable space. Each shelf rotates and slides out independently.

CAN'T TALK, I'M EATING This niche (above) is just for communication. It includes an intercom, phone jack and note pad, with phone books stored below. ◆





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baths

From the ultimate dressing room to suites of freestanding furniture, these baths are organized from top to bottom.

FLOOR-TO-CEILING CABINETS, A SEPARATE SHOWER ROOM AND PLENTY OF LOCAL COLOR SWEETEN THIS MASTER SUITE

JEWEL BOX

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRIAN VANDENBRINK

Combining New England traits, modern European flair and lots of elbow room was the primary challenge in this master bath in Portland, Maine. The homeowner wanted to respect the house's location in a historic district, but she also desired a filip of fashion via a slick Italian cabinet style, according to architect Will Winkelman, of Winkelman Architecture in Portland. "She wanted to make this into a little jewel," he says. "She wanted to create a refuge."

In designing this suite, the architect blended the existing bathroom with a small extra bedroom. What used to be the bedroom is now the vanity and storage area, and the old bathroom is what Winkelman calls the "wet world," where the new shower and toilet areas are situated.



An aluminum ladder glides along a rail to provide access to the transom cabinets that hold seasonal gear and other infrequently used items. Despite what one might expect, the ladder doesn't get in the way, according to architect Will Winkelman. "It has a good natural parking place."

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Commandeering an old bedroom was key to the plan, Winkelman says. "It gave us the space to make what's basically a big walk-in closet."

Inside the vanity room, Winkelman essentially created a second wall two feet in from the original wall. Fine-tuning the space then became a sculptural exercise. "I excavated where there were doors and windows, and carved out spots for the cabinets and vanities," he says.

To complete the perception of the inner wall, he added cabinets at transom height. An aluminum ladder that slides along a rail allows access to these high cabinets. "It finds a good natural parking place," Winkelman says of the ladder. "It doesn't get in the way."

To incorporate local elements, Winkelman used Deer Isle granite on the vanities and on the floor and shower walls in the wet world. "It has a very Down-East Maine look and feel," he

ABOVE: A frosted-glass sliding door leads into a separate room that houses the toilet and shower.

RIGHT: Green glass tiles on the shower wall are meant to evoke beach glass, common to coastal Maine. For further local flavor, Winkelman specified Deer Isle granite for the shower floor.

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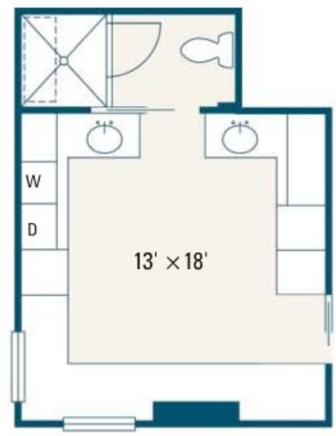


THIS PAGE: The cabinets all around the room essentially create a shell two feet in from the original wall, with gaps for doors, windows and vanities. Laundry appliances reside beneath the counter to the right of these cabinets.

OPPOSITE LEFT: This dressing table, a crowning touch, reinforces the notion that this part of the suite is meant for pampering.

Going from the traditional home into the modern master suite provides a pleasant jolt. “It’s kind of an ‘Aha!’ moment.”





The toilet and shower area—what the architect calls the “wet world”—resides in what was once an entire bathroom. The vanity/dressing area, which is essentially a grand walk-in closet, had been a bedroom.

says. “We used sandblasted glass for many elements, which is evocative of beach glass, and green is a common beach glass color.”

The suite abounds with practical benefits, and the abundance of storage is just the beginning; comfort and convenience are other attributes. Winkelman raised the vanities up to 42 inches. “This height is better on the bones—more user-friendly in terms of bending,” he says. The space also includes a washer and dryer.

All these pragmatic bonuses ensure that this finely honed gem of a suite will continue to serve its homeowners for years to come. Walking from the traditional home into the modern suite provides a pleasant jolt. “It’s kind of an ‘Aha!’ moment,” Winkelman says. “It’s a transition and passage into a different world.” ◆

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

design points

LIGHTING TO DELIGHT THE SENSES

Although this suite boasts its share of amenities, it also needed to provide a sense of magic. Lighting plays a central role in executing this plan. Architect Will Winkelman used color-corrected fluorescents throughout, both for quality and energy efficiency. The focal-point fixture is a 3-foot square piece of slumped glass—which is suspended in a kiln until it bows—hung from the ceiling. Winkelman poured pieces of colored beach glass into the sand-blasted glass bowl to produce a kaleidoscope effect.



vanity fare

Bath storage spans a wide range of styles, from traditional to modern

WRITTEN BY MEREDITH CLINTON



STORAGE WITH STYLE
This console sink from Decolav has plenty of places to stash things, with two large shelves and his-and-hers moveable drawers. The piece comes with the mirror and tempered glass sink. $2,557. *www.decolav.com*.



THE CLEAN-CUT LOOK
The ribbed half-moon enclosure and sleek lines on the Reeded Round Sink Chest from Cole & Co. endows the unit with contemporary grace. The shelf underneath gives it some practical oomph. $1,347. *www.vanitybath.com*.



OFF (BUT ON) THE WALL
The limited edition Atic-Pop wall-mount bath console from Sonia sports retro '70s flair to open sleepy eyes for the morning routine. The 28-inch wood-and-glass console includes a fireclay basin, a spacious drawer and removable interior trays. $3,000. *www.sonia-sa.com*.



A GLASS ACT

The abundant angular tempered glass of the Icicles console from Glasco Designs creates an almost futuristic vibe. The shelving unit in the middle and detached drawers on the floor provide enough room for accessories. The countertop, including basins, measures 22×59 inches. $3,800. *www.glascodesigns.com.*





SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

This transitional piece, part of the Eurasia collection from Kreativ-Style, consists of a walnut vanity with a top and vessel sink made of glass. It comes with a lever faucet and matching mirror. $1,767. *www.kreativ-style.com.*

DOUBLE THE FUN

The Beach Street double sink from Restoration Hardware (via catalog and the online only) offers both storage and elbow room. It comes with a marble top, but faucets are extra. $2,500. *www.restorationhardware.com.*





EXQUISITE DETAIL

The Lille Vanity from Campagna Furniture asserts a definite personality. It features intricate hand-carved feet, beaded panels and molding on top and bottom, along with serpentine and floral decorations. $2,515 as shown; sink and faucet sold separately. *www.campagnafurniture.com.* ◆

basic brilliance

AVOIDING FANCY GARNISHES, THIS BATH NESTLES IN PRACTICAL ELEGANCE

WRITTEN BY THERESA MCTAMMANY

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JANET MESIC MACKIE STYLED BY MEGAN CHAFFIN

Compact and functional aptly describe the master bath of this 6,000-square-foot home in Winnetka, Illinois, designed by Chicago architect Paul Konstant. Tucked beneath a second-story dormer, the modest space mixes classic materials with upscale amenities to achieve spalike simplicity. Among the features are his-and-hers vanities and a tiled shower stall. Although practical considerations play a major role, thoughtful touches confer a feeling of luxury. "I like to keep things on a human scale," Konstant says. "It is important that the proportions fit within the context of the house," he says.

Fixtures and finishes underscore the room's quiet elegance. The pass-through bathing area, measuring a scant 7½×10 feet, benefits from the placement of a

The two-person soaking tub receives abundant sunshine thanks to its choice location near the windows. The glass-door cabinets have deep shelves to maximize storage. A kitchen warming drawer adapts to make towels extra snuggly after the bath.



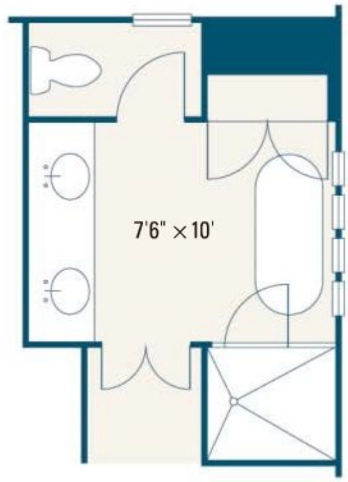

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double-ended spa tub near a pair of windows to take advantage of natural light. "If you are going to do a tub, it is nice to locate it where there is an attractive view," Konstant says. The tub fits two people comfortably.

Also near the tub is a glass-front built-in wall cabinet with deep shelves, part of the customized storage that figures prominently in the space. A towel-warming drawer replaces the traditional linen closet. Normally a food and plate warmer in the kitchen, the drawer works well in baths, too—especially confined baths. "A heated towel bar can be bulky," Konstant says. "We needed something less obtrusive, physically and visually."

Smooth crema marfil countertops and radiant-heated marble-tiled floors enrich a predominantly pale palette. A mirror over the vanity redistributes the window light and amplifies the open feel. "When you brush your teeth, the wonderful wooded view is reflected in front of you," Konstant says. Cheery lemon-painted walls complement the light-colored stone, and simple Shaker-style cabinets in a creamy white, equipped with sturdy drawers, house grooming supplies.

A layout with dedicated areas for various activities makes the bath feel less utilitarian and more inviting, the architect says. "We wanted it to be a functional, well-organized space that is also comfortable and warm. I think we accomplished both goals." ◆



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

ABOVE: Situated under a second-story dormer, the simple, practical design separates tub and shower.

RIGHT: The large mirror over the double vanity takes all that natural light from the window and reflects it back into the room. Generous vanity cabinets provide storage space for grooming and hygiene supplies.

design points

If this bath makes comfort look simple, that's because it's an exercise in subtlety. The compact dimensions are just the beginning. Here are some other moves that keep this room stately:

THE NAKED SHOWER
The marble-tiled shower stall has seamless glass doors and a simple bench seat.

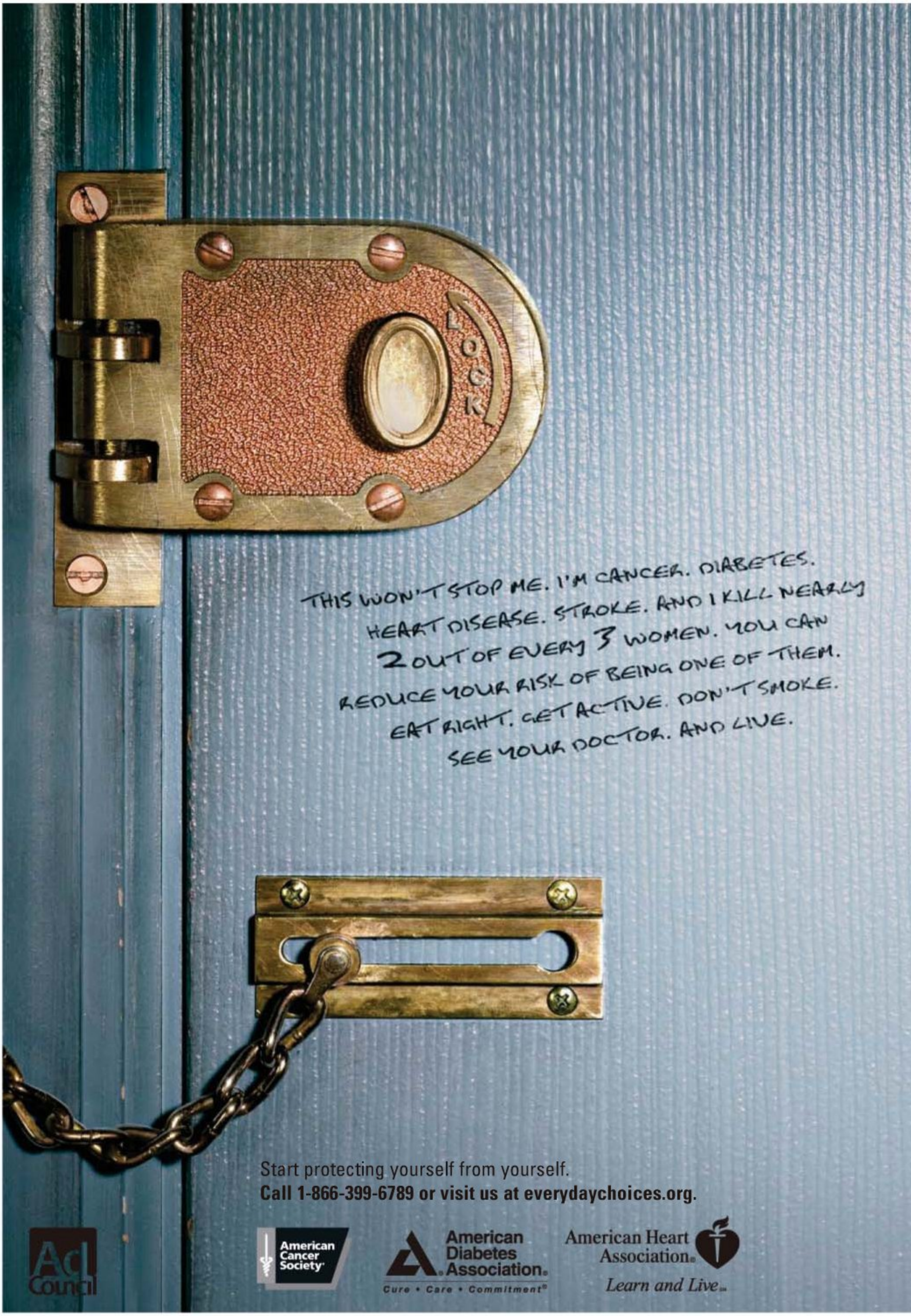
DRESSED TO NOT IMPRESS
With privacy not a concern, the windows have minimal ornamentation. This informal approach permits maximum sunlight to stream into the room.

CLASSY INSIDE AND OUT
Basic polished-nickel knobs and pulls adorn the vanities, strengthening the elegant yet understated aesthetic. The cabinets also keep the trash bins out of sight.



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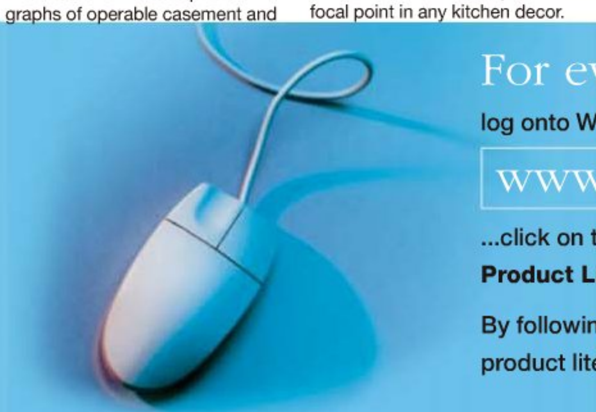
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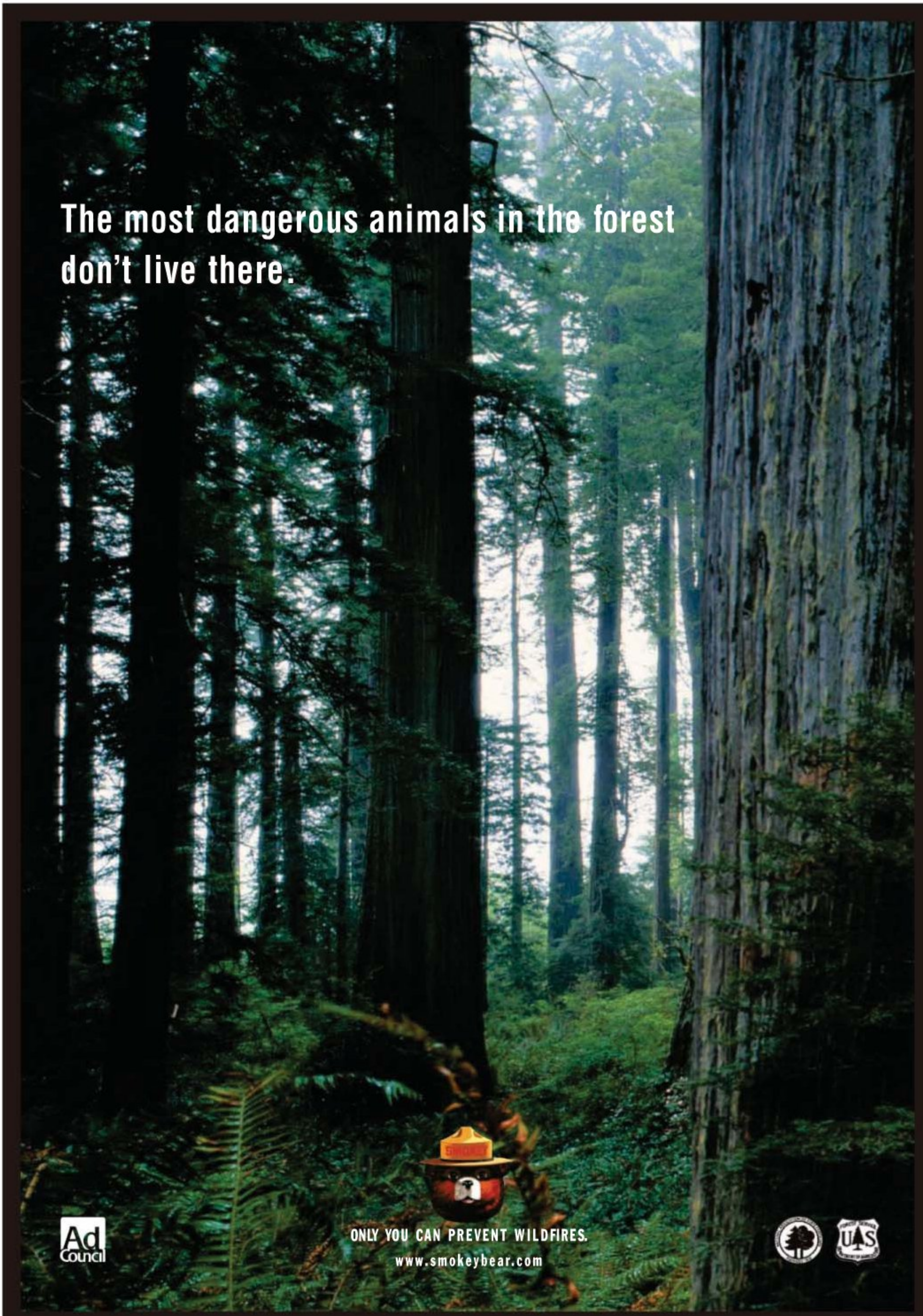
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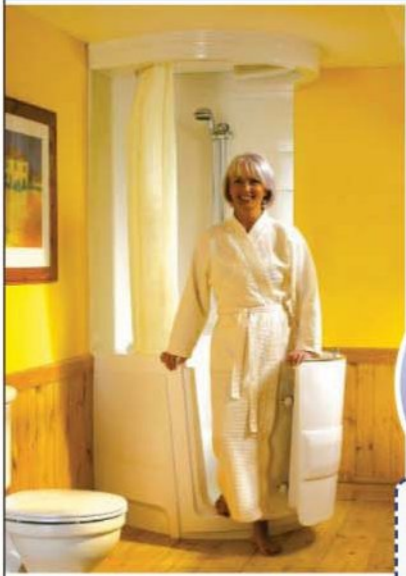
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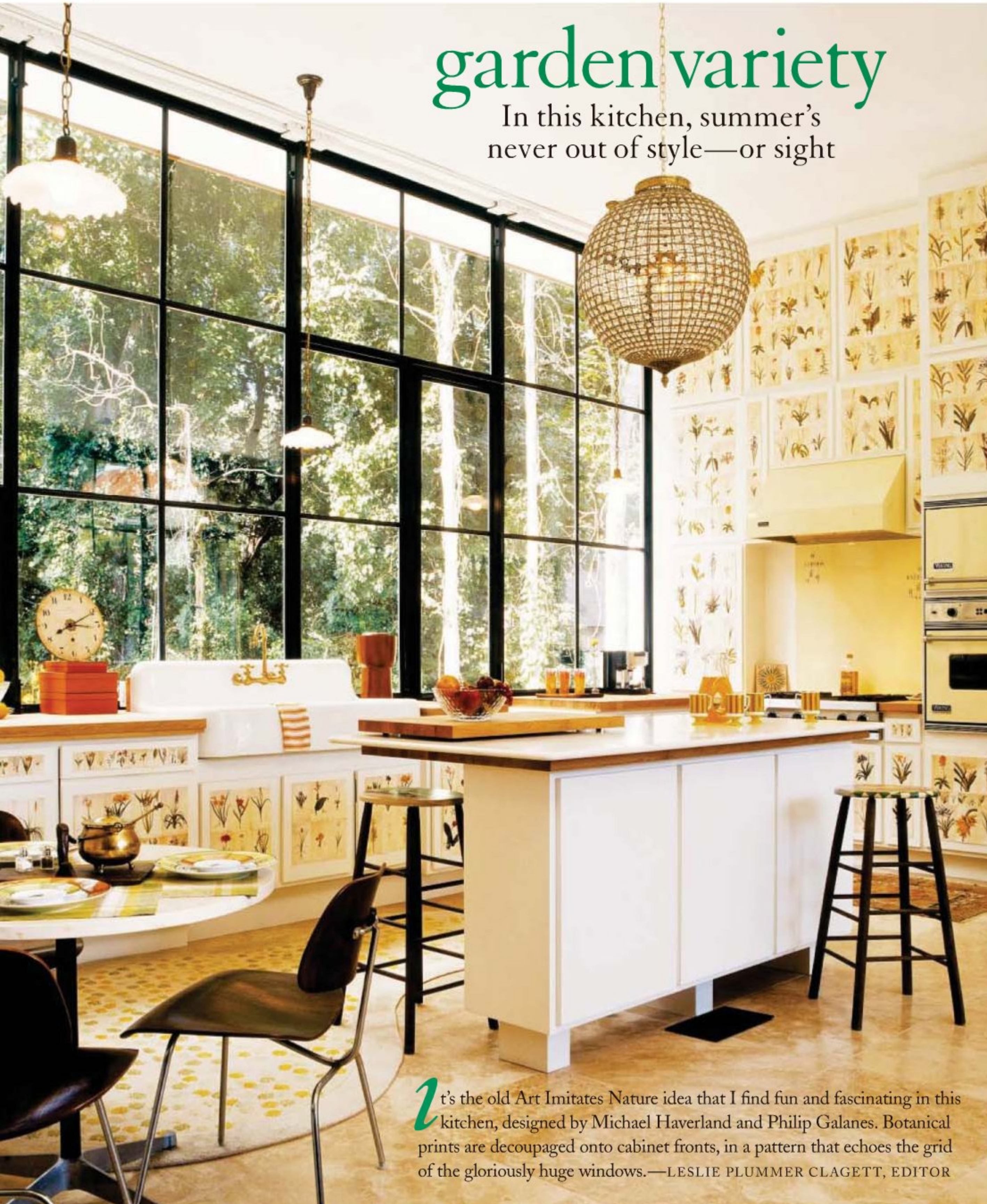
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